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## **DARS SEEKS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BRAIN INJURY NEEDS AND RESOURCES ASSESSMENT**

**(RICHMOND, Va.)** — The Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services seeks public participation in a statewide survey to learn more about the needs of individuals with brain injury and their family members or caregivers in the Commonwealth.

Results of the statewide Brain Injury Needs and Resources Assessment will provide insight into the experiences of those with brain injury and their families and caregivers as well as information about service needs and gaps and available or needed resources.

Those who are at least 18 years of age and a survivor of a brain injury or the family member/caregiver of someone with a brain injury may be eligible to participate. Individuals, organizations or other entities which provide services to people with brain injury, either as the primary target audience or indirectly, are also invited to complete a survey.

The Survey Evaluation and Research Laboratory at the Virginia Commonwealth University is assisting DARS on the survey. To participate in the survey, please visit <http://bit.ly/17c5GMB> or call Jennifer Reid with SERL at (804) 827-0459. Requests to participate will be accepted through July 30.

Participants' personal information will remain confidential. Survey findings will be shared with the federal Health Resources and Services Administration, which provides grant funding for DARS' Brain Injury Services Coordination Unit. For more information about the survey, contact SERL at (804) 827-0459 or e-mail [jguyre@vcu.edu](mailto:jguyre@vcu.edu).

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