



The Alumni Development Program TRAINING ALUMNI

Invites You To Attend UNITED VOICES, RENEWED RESOLVE: VA's DD Act Partners Pushing for the Next Step Forward Statewide Continuing Education Workshop

Friday, November 21, 2025 • 12 PM – 2 PM

Join us for this educational and engaging session.

Join the three Executive Directors of Virginia's DD Act programs—the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, the disAbility Law Center of Virginia, and the Partnership for People with Disabilities at VCU—for a powerful conversation about the past, present, and future of disability rights and services. Together, they will reflect on the history of disability policy and protections, celebrate how far we've come, and candidly examine the barriers that still remain. The session will highlight the unique roles and impact of each DD Act partner and call for the next generation of advocates and leaders to continue driving progress.



Teri Morgan has served as Executive Director of the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities since 2020. Teri began her career in Michigan as a residential counselor and supervisor before moving to Richmond in the early 1990s, where she managed an array of residential and community-based services. She joined VBPD in 2001 as a program manager, leading statewide training initiatives and policy efforts in housing and transportation. She later spent six years with the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services, focusing on Medicaid waiver operations and policy. Teri holds a Bachelor of Science from Eastern Michigan University and an MBA with a concentration in Healthcare Management from Western Governors University. She lives in Montpelier with her husband and enjoys spending time with family and friends.



Colleen Miller has served as the Executive Director of Virginia's Protection and Advocacy System since 2003. When the P&A was a state agency, she managed it through notable legal victories, including the US Supreme Court decision, *VOPA v. Stewart*, that established the agency's right to sue to obtain specific confidential information from the state about abuse allegations. In 2012 and 2013, she led the agency's transition out of state government to private nonprofit status as the disAbility Law Center of Virginia. A cum laude graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, she began her career as an Honors Program staff attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the US Department of Justice and was previously the Legal Director of the New Mexico Protection and Advocacy System.



Parthenia "Parthy" Dinora, Ph.D., is the Executive Director of the Partnership for People with Disabilities, Virginia's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. Dr. Dinora oversees a portfolio of 40 projects and \$17 million in external funding. Over the past 25 years, she has led federal, state, and privately funded research, model demonstration, training, and technical assistance projects. Her work centers include disability and family-led research and practice, focusing on home and community-based services, interventions that promote independent living and self-determination, and support for families of people with disabilities. Her training in Public Policy and Administration, experience working alongside people with disabilities, their families, and the professionals who support them, and her perspective as the parent of a son with autism are foundational to her leadership and research.



Register to Attend

Meeting will be held virtually on Zoom.

For more information about this event, you can contact us at training@vbpd.virginia.gov.

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