

## Measuring Virginia's Long Term Support System

Awarded by CMS in September of 2007, Virginia's State Profile Tool Grant represents an important opportunity for stakeholders to measure Virginia's progress toward balancing its long-term support system. Virginia recognizes that long-term support system balancing is a complex undertaking that requires vision, commitment, thoughtful planning, shared resources, and the ongoing guidance and support of seniors, individuals with disabilities, their family members, the legislature, state leaders, advocates, and service providers.

Virginia is working hard in order to continue its collaboration as "*One Community*" through the development of a State Profile Tool. Additionally, Virginia will assist with the development of national balancing indicators in order to provide the Commonwealth with the necessary tools and information needed to monitor, evaluate and improve its long-term support system.

Virginia's State Profile Tool will provide stakeholders and policymakers with a high-level view of the long term support system, to ensure that all are working from the same knowledge base. It will also identify opportunities for improved coordination among long term support programs and with other health and social services. Virginia contracted with Thomson Reuters in March of 2008 in order to begin the development of Virginia's profile tool. During 2009, the 10 grantee states will begin working with CMS as participants in the national benchmark project.