

NEW INITIATIVE BEING LAUNCHED TO BETTER SERVE ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES RESIDING IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

What: Lead officials Kenneth R. Plum; House of Delegate Representative for Fairfax County; Cathy Hudgins, Fairfax County Board of Supervisor; and former Virginia Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Jane Woods will launch **disAbilityNavigator** (www.disabilitynavigator.org) to improve access to and delivery of services for adults with disabilities in Northern Virginia.

disAbilityNavigator is a unique web resource created by and for people with disabilities and their families living in Northern Virginia. It will significantly benefit the disability community – individuals with disabilities, their family members and service providers. The website will serve as a dedicated resource designed to meet the wide range of concerns unique to the disability community.

disAbilityNavigator's database features thousand of programs and services, as well as hundreds of educational articles helpful for people with disabilities. The information focuses on issues such health and wellness, housing, community resources, benefits and money management, legal and civil rights, transportation and more.

Seed money to help develop disAbilityNavigator was provided by the Fairfax County Incentive Fund. The ultimate goal is to extend disAbilityNavigator community by community across Virginia to build a statewide one-stop-resource for individuals with disabilities.

Who: disAbilityNavigator is a collaborative community partnership between: SeniorNavigator, the Fairfax County Long Term Care Coordinating Council, the Arc of Northern Virginia, and Helen A. Kellar Institute for Human disAbilities of George Mason University.

Where: Board of Supervisors' Conference Room (First Floor)
Fairfax County Government Center Building
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When: Friday, January 9, 2009
9 a.m.

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