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Key Components to Provide Access to Services

- □ A single point of entry which is readily accessible with a qualified staff to provide information, assessment and referral
- □ An array of services and supports which will meet the needs of the majority of the individuals seeking services

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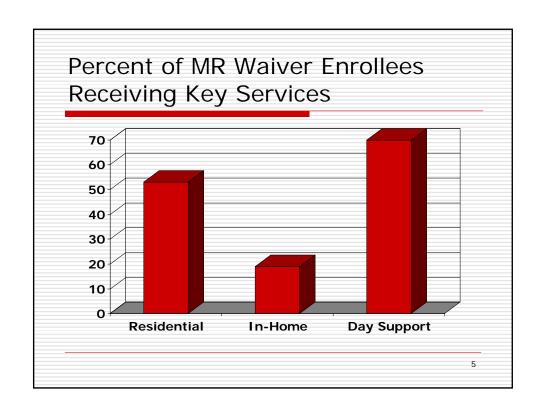
- □ An adequately funded provider network with --
 - Qualified and well trained staff
 - Resources which allow flexible response to the individual's changing needs
 - Capital necessary to expand and build new capacity as needed, and
 - A sufficient number of providers to afford real "choice"

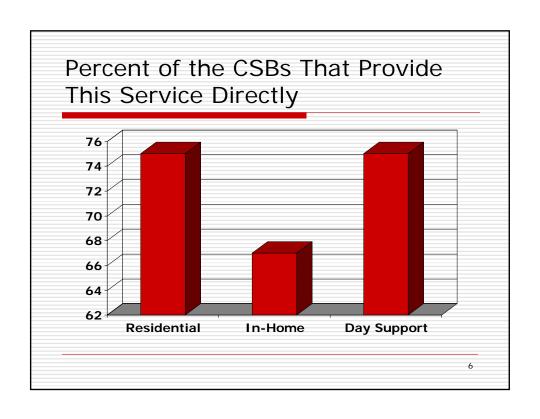
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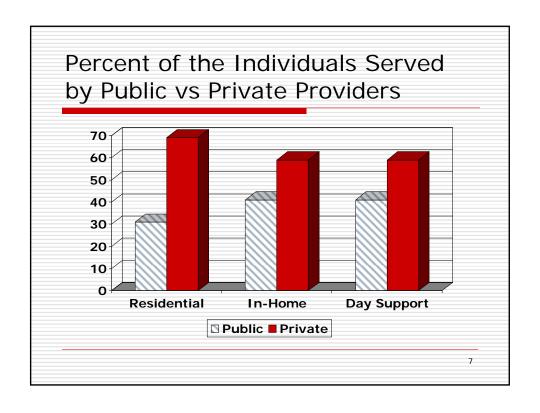
Public vs Private

The following are the results of a recent review of key MR Waiver services provided by the public and private sector in Virginia

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Challenge #2 –

Having Sufficient Resources to Meet Changing Needs

- □ Limited access to specialists, including behavioral, psychiatric and or medical specialists, who understand the needs of individuals with intellectual disability
- ☐ Limitations of the funding structure which tends to support one size fits most

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Challenge #3 -

Lack of Predictability of Funding

- ☐ The Waivers (Virginia has seven Waivers) are among the Virginia Medicaid programs which do not have an "automatic update" in their payment rates
- MR Waiver providers are long term care specialists, a specialty which depends heavily on Medicaid for funding

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