

Hazel Bowman Smith

Ms. Smith received her Bachelor of Science in Human Service Counseling from Old Dominion University. Before coming to VA Tech in 2002, she worked for 25 years in Virginia Local Department of Social Services in various positions in the areas of Eligibility, Supervision, Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) Coordination and Revenue Maximization. During her employment at LDSS, she served on state level Fraud, Energy, Medicaid and Benefit program advisory committees. Ms. Smith developed the Fraud program and collections for Prince Edward Department of Social Services and developed the Revenue Maximization program for Charlotte County Department of Social Services.

Since coming to VA Tech, Ms. Smith has provided Title IV-E technical and resource assistance to various LDSS to facilitate federal revenue enhancement opportunities. She has developed and coordinated the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Project with Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS), Local Department of Social Services (LDSS), Social Security Administration (SSA), and Disability Determination Services (DDS). Ms. Smith successfully completed Work Incentive Specialist Training to become a certified Work Incentive Specialist Advocates through Virginia's Medicaid Infrastructure Grant awarded to the Department of Medical Assistance Services by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS). As a WISA, she can assist Virginians with disabilities to become or remain employed and to understand the impact of earned income on their SSI and SSDI benefits and she can vend identified work incentives support services to DRS.

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