



# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

*Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired*

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*"Celebrating our past and empowering our future"*

Richard L. Mitchell  
Commissioner

September 27, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Marcia Grimsley of Life Advancement Coaching, who has supported my staff and the people we serve with her counseling and coaching services.

Our agency works with individuals who are blind, vision impaired, and deafblind, to help them achieve their desired levels of employment, education, and personal independence. While we provide counseling, guidance, and adjustment to blindness services, Marcia has proven to be an effective and supportive resource to add to our toolkit when working with someone who is struggling to move forward. Marcia brings a unique perspective of lived experience, in addition to her years of education, training, and professional experience. My team has expressed a high level of satisfaction in working with Marcia to help people address personal barriers that may be holding them back from achieving goals.

I would recommend Marcia and Life Advancement Coaching for anyone seeking life coaching services, but especially to those who are blind or vision impaired, as we have found success with our clients using her services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Chappell".

Julie A. Chappell  
Regional Manager