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New Partnership Boosts Advocacy for Disability Rights in the Virgin Islands

The partnership aims to empower self-advocacy and improve accessibility through educational workshops and community programs

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The Disability Rights Center of the Virgin Islands (DRCVI) and the Virgin Islands Housing Authority (VIHA) have launched a landmark partnership aimed at enhancing advocacy and support for residents with disabilities.

This collaboration marks a pivotal step in promoting self-advocacy, education, and accessibility within the VIHA community.

Central to the partnership is a series of initiatives designed to empower individuals to advocate for their rights and improve their quality of life. These initiatives include educational workshops, career readiness programs, self-advocacy and self-determination training sessions, and comprehensive support for accessing essential disability services. Furthermore, the partnership will focus on anti-stigma campaigns, enhancing accessibility in community spaces such as parking facilities, and providing educational support to children with disabilities.

The collaboration between DRCVI and VIHA is expected to foster a more inclusive and equitable community by amplifying the voices of people with disabilities and addressing the unique challenges faced by historically marginalized groups.

Angus Drigo, Executive Director of DRCVI, expressed enthusiasm about the joint effort, stating, "We aim to reach out to individuals with disabilities where they are, ensuring they have the tools and support needed to advocate for themselves and their communities."

Dwayne Alexander, Executive Director of VIHA, echoed this sentiment, highlighting the strategic importance of the partnership: "This collaboration underscores our dedication to serving the diverse needs of our community and ensuring that individuals with disabilities have equal access to opportunities and resources."

For more information on their advocacy efforts and to stay informed about upcoming initiatives, the public is encouraged to visit the websites of DRCVI and VIHA. This partnership promises to strengthen community ties and enhance the lives of many, ensuring that every voice is heard and valued.