



HB1499/SB 413 – DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – CRISIS RESOLUTION FUNDING

HB1499/SB 413 would ensure annual and ongoing funding for people on the highest, most urgent level of the Developmental Disabilities Administration's (DDA) Waiting List – Crisis Resolution. \$3.5 Million State Funds for approximately 110 people each year.

There are nearly 8,000 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities on the DDA Waiting List. The most urgent category is Crisis Resolution which includes people living with a caregiver who is unable to provide adequate care due to the caregiver's impaired health which may place the individual at risk of serious physical harm; at serious risk of physical harm or at serious risk of causing physical harm in the current environment; homeless or living in temporary housing with clear time-limited ability to continue to live in this setting with no viable non-DDA-funded alternative.

As of January 2016, the numbers of persons on the DDA Waiting List by category:

Crisis Resolution: 110 people – 70% of caregivers are over age 70 years*

Crisis Prevention: 1,241 people (Determined by DDA to rise to level of need of Crisis Resolution within a year): 50% of caregivers are over age 70. (52 are caregivers 91 years and older)

Current Request: 6,589 people (Currently need the benefit of individual, day/employment, residential and family supports to avoid regression and support their independence). 802 caregivers over 71 years (57 caregivers are 91 years and older).

Future Need Registry: 2,000 people (Determined by DDA to need services within three years). This list has not been updated in several years to determine current needs.

HB1499/SB 413 starts a path to toward independence and inclusive community lives. HB1499/SB 413 gives hope and relief to individuals and their families when they most need the help of government.

*Caregiver age data -DDA, March 2015.

**Support individuals with developmental disabilities & their families in crisis!
SB 413 – Developmental Disabilities Administration – Crisis Resolution Funding
will provide relief.**

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