

Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)

FY18 Budget Expansion

The Governor's proposed FY 2018 budget for the Developmental Disabilities Administration includes:

RATES/WAGES FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES – 2%

\$20.8 million Total Funds (\$11.4m General Funds + \$9.4m Federal Funds)

The Minimum Wage Act of 2014 mandated a 3.5% rate increase. The proposed budget is short \$8.44m in General Funds. At only 2%, the minimum wage will increase by 50 cents and the DDA reimbursement for wages will only increase by 21 cents. The full 3.5% is critical for funding for direct support professionals to stay ahead of the minimum wage, and to fund the other costs necessary to provide community supports.

TRANSITIONING YOUTH

\$12.9 million Total Funds (\$7m General Funds + \$5.9m in Federal Funds)

789 Youth

Supported employment or other day supports for all youth that are expected to exit special education programs in Spring 2017.

EMERGENCIES

\$8.8 million Total Funds (\$5.3m General Funds + \$3.5m Federal Funds)

131 Individuals

Community supports and services for individuals in emergency situations.

WAITING LIST – CRISIS RESOLUTION

\$3.8 million Total Funds (\$2m General Funds + \$1.8m Federal Funds)

101 Individuals

Community supports and services for people in the highest priority category on the DDA Waiting list

WAITING LIST EQUITY FUND

\$892,355 Total Funds (\$478,748 Special Funds + 413,607 in Federal Funds)

36 Individuals

Support for individuals on the DDA waiting list – priority is given to people with the oldest caregiver.

DSS AGING OUT PLACEMENTS

\$1.6 million Total Funds (\$851,000 General Funds + \$762,000 Federal Funds)

60 Youth

DDA-funded community supports for individuals aging out of Department of Social Services programs.

LOW INTENSITY SUPPORT SERVICES

\$5.1 million General Funds (no matching federal funds)

2300 Individuals and families

Short term, low-cost services that support children and adults who aren't receiving other DDA services.

COURT-INVOLVED COMMUNITY SERVICES

\$1.4 million Total Funds (\$752,000 General Funds + \$626,000 Federal Funds)

27 Individuals

Community services for people with developmental disabilities involved in the court system so they can leave facility-based settings. Also diverts others from entering facilities.

WAITING LIST INITIATIVE – NEW CAPPED WAIVERS

DDA's stated intention: Reduce numbers of people waiting for services, maximize flexibility, and cultivate innovative service models.

- **Family Support Waiver: \$2.4 million Total Funds (\$1.2m General Funds + \$1.2m Federal Funds)**
400 Individuals
*Support people on the DDA waiting list under age 22.
\$12,000 annual cap per person.*
- **Community Support Waiver: \$5 million Total Funds (\$2.5m General Funds + \$2.5m Federal Funds)**
400 Individuals
*Support people of any age on DDA's waiting list with a variety of services, not including residential.
\$25,000 annual cap per person.*

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAM

\$250,000 General Funds (no matching federal funds)

These funds will be used to support the development of one or more inclusive post-secondary education programs for people with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities.

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