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.

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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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