



Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council

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Governor Hogan's FY 2020 Budget Released

Highlights of Interest to Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their Families

Governor Hogan released his FY 2020 proposed budget last week, which covers the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Below you will find highlights of particular interest to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The FY 2020 state operating budget totals \$46.6 billion, the majority of which is General Funds (state funds), Federal Funds, and Special Funds (revenues from a designated source). The budget analysts with the Dept. of Legislative Services will produce reports for the various budget hearings, which will provide a greater depth of information. See below for budget hearing dates.

HIGHLIGHTS

Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)

Less than \$1 million increase in funding for the Autism Waiver to cover the increased cost of services. No new waiver slots will be added in FY 2020. 1,200 children with autism receive services through the Autism Waiver and there are more than 5,400 children on the Autism Waiver Registry.

\$20 million increase for public prekindergarten education.

\$10.4 million for the Maryland Infants & Toddlers Program--the same funding level as FY 2019.

\$10 million for the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program. BOOST provides scholarships to students to attend private schools. Most private schools do not have to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) so even if a student with a disability enrolls, the private school does not have to provide the services and supports he or she needs.

\$34 million increase in federal funding for the Child Care Subsidy Program, which funds free or reduced-priced child care for eligible families. This increase in funds will allow more families to qualify for subsidies by changing the income eligibility requirements and raising rates so that families will be able to afford 30% of all child care programs, up from 20%.

\$35.8 million increase for new educational programming as recommended by the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (Kirwan Commission) and an additional \$200 million in reserves to help fund future costs associated with the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission.

Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)

Note: The numbers of people who will be served are estimates.

\$12,320,521 for Transitioning Youth services. This will provide employment or day supports for all eligible youth transitioning from school to employment or day supports in FY 2020. DDA projects that approximately 600 transitioning youth will be served. (General + Federal Funds)

\$816,833 to support people in emergency situations. An estimated 31 people will receive services. (General + Federal Funds)

\$5,103,521 to provide services to approximately 173 people in the Crisis Resolution priority category on the DDA waiting list. There are nearly 4,700 people on the waiting list in different priority categories. (General + Federal Funds)

\$1,494,170 from the Waiting List Equity Fund to support approximately 38 people on the waiting list with the oldest caregivers. (Special + Federal Funds)

\$1,184,723 to provide services to approximately 40 young adults aging out of Department of Social Services placements (General + Federal Funds). This category of funding is important so that DDA doesn't have to tap funds from other categories to meet these priorities.

\$5,138,169 for Low Intensity Support Services to serve approximately 2,000 people. (General Funds)

\$10,000,000 for the Community Support Waiver. This waiver is capped at \$25,000 per person/per year. The FY 2020 funds will continue services to people who enter the waiver this year (FY 2019) and the remaining funds will serve people on the DDA waiting list. There are a total of 400 Community Support Waiver "slots" so a total of 400 people can be served through this waiver, including people who continue services first received in FY 2019 plus people on the waiting list who will fill the remaining slots. (General + Federal Funds)

\$4,800,000 for the Individual & Family Support Waiver, to provide support to supplement what is provided through MSDE and other service systems for children age 21 and under and their families. This waiver is capped at \$12,000 per person/per year. There are a total of 400 Individual & Family Support Waiver "slots"

so a total of 400 children and their families can be served through this waiver, including children who continue services first received in FY 2019 plus those on the waiting list who fill the remaining slots. (General + Federal Funds)

\$250,000 to support a college or university to develop an inclusive post-secondary education program for people with intellectual disabilities based on national best practices. (General Funds)

\$42,531,483 for a 3.5% rate increase for DDA service providers. This will help providers increase the wages of direct support professionals and address other costs associated with providing supports and services in the community. (General + Federal Funds)

Additional funds are included to continue providing services for people receiving services in FY 2019.

DDA's FY 2020 Community Services budget totals \$1,299,451,407.

FOR MORE DETAILS

Overall Budget Highlights are [here](#).

DDA Budget details are [here](#), starting on page 140.

MSDE Budget details are [here](#), starting on page 445.

RELATED DATES

2019 Developmental Disabilities Day at the Legislature is February 13!

This event fills up quickly. Registration is required and available [here](#).

DDA Budget Hearings:

House - Health & Social Services Committee:

February 25 at 3:00 pm

House Office Building, Room 150

Senate - Health & Human Services Committee:

March 7 at 1:00 pm

Senate Office Building, Amoss Hearing Room (4th floor)

MD State Dept. of Education Budget Hearings:

Early Childhood Development Budget

House - Education & Economic Development Subcommittee:

January 30 at 2:00 pm

House Office Building, Room 120

Senate - Education, Business & Administration Subcommittee:

January 31 at 1:00 pm

Senate Office Building, Room 3

Aid to Education Budget

House - Education & Economic Development Subcommittee:

February 27 at 1:00 pm

House Office Building, Room 120

Senate - Education, Business & Administration Subcommittee:

March 4 at 1:00 pm

Senate Office Building, Room 3

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