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TO: Health and Human Services Committees of House and Senate and
Joint Budget Committee

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SUBJECT: Consideration of Developmental Disability Wait Lists and
Appropriations to the Developmental Disability Services Cash Fund

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House Bill 08-1101 (Gardner/Renfroe) requires the Joint Budget Committee and Health and Human Services Committees to meet annually and take public testimony on the status of the waiting lists for adult comprehensive services, adult supported living services, and family support services for persons with developmental disabilities. According to Section 27-10.5-104.2 (2), C.R.S., "The goal of the hearing shall be to propose an appropriation from the general fund to the developmental disabilities services cash fund."

The table below reflects current numbers of individuals funded, costs per placement, and waiting lists for the relevant developmental disability services, and a few other community-based services that may be of interest.

People Funded, Waiting Lists, and Cost per Person - General Fund & Medicaid-funded Developmental Disability Programs				
	# Full Year Placements Funded (State) FY 2009-10	Waiting List June 2009, svc requested by FY 2009- 10	Cost per Full Year Placement + case management(a)	General Fund cost per Full Year Placement (a)
Adult Comprehensive Services	4,230	1,250	\$66,665	\$33,333
Adult Supported Living Services	3,940	2,315	\$15,681	\$7,841
Early Intervention	2,176	n/a	\$7,033	\$7,033
Children's Extensive Support	393	255	\$19,446	\$9,723
Family Support Services ^o	<u>1,226</u>	<u>4,908</u>	\$7,241	\$7,241
Total	12,071	9,119		

a) Amounts shown include associated case management costs and reflect the estimated cost of adding an "average" new placement.. If Medicaid is an option, reflects costs associated with a new Medicaid placement. Amounts *exclude* local match funds which were eliminated per H.B 08-1220.

b) Includes funding appropriated in other sections of the budget for indirect costs, as well as direct appropriations

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c) Funding is generally spread, so that actual children and families served with these dollars is over 3,500 and the amount provided per family is commensurately lower.

House Bill 08-1101 also indicates that the committees are to consider the amount of time eligible persons spend on the wait list. The Department reports that the statewide average time spent waiting for Adult Comprehensive Services is 3.0 years and for Supported Living Services 2.8 years.