

MEMORANDUM



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TO: The Joint Budget Committee
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RE: Waiting List for Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the General Assembly with an update on the waiting list for services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Table #1 outlines the waiting list information based on the Community Contract and Management System (CCMS) data as of June 1, 2009.

| | Comprehensive Services (24-hour residential) | Supported Living Services | Unduplicated Adult Services Waiting List* | Family Support Services Program |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Medicaid Funded | 1,131 | 1,855 | 2,301 | 0 |
| State Funded | 119 | 460 | 434 | 4,908 |
| TOTAL | 1,250 | 2,315 | 2,735 | 4,908 |

* Some individuals may be on both the Comprehensive Services and Supported Living Services waiting list.

- The demand for developmental disability services continues to grow much faster than population growth and the developmental disability services budget.
- These numbers are taken directly from the CCMS database and have not been adjusted to account for individuals who may not actually accept enrollment at the time it is offered.
- The average length on the waiting list is:
 - 3 years for Comprehensive Services
 - 2.8 years for Supported Living Services
- Even if the General Assembly were to fully fund the current waiting list, the Department would need additional annual increases in funding to keep the waiting lists from reappearing.

- To address emergencies, foster care transition and regional center placements, the Department is now directly managing vacancies in Comprehensive Services program.

Additionally, there were 307 children who were on the waiting list for the Children's Extensive Support program as of September 2009.

It should also be noted that although the early intervention services program does not currently have a waiting list for services, the demand for those services is also outpacing the available funding. Table #2 below illustrates the growth in demand (142%) and funding (120%) for early intervention services since FY 2004-05. The Department has been able to continue to serve all eligible children due to the coordinated system of payment and the temporary availability of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. As shown in the table, beginning in FY 2010-11 as funds are reduced (-3.6% primarily due to the reduction in ARRA funds) and the growth in demand continues (8.4% increase), funding from other sources will be needed to ensure that Colorado continues to meet its federal assurance that all eligible children will be served. By FY 2011-12, the growth in demand is projected to continue by 8.4% and funding decrease by -7.6%.

| | CDE Lead Agency | DHS Lead Agency | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Projected FY 2009-10 | Percent Growth since FY 2004-05 | Projected FY 2010-11 | Percent Growth since FY 2009-10 | Projected FY 2011-12 | Percent Growth since FY 2010-1 |
| Total Unduplicated Number of Children Served* | 4,469 | 10,857 | 142.9% | 11,769 | 8.4% | 12,758 | 8.4% |
| TOTAL ALL FUNDS | \$10,666,251 | \$23,467,490 | 120.0% | \$22,623,245 | -3.6% | \$20,895,474 | -7.6% |

Sources of Funding by Fiscal Year

- FY 2004-05 State funds - Department of Human Services; Federal Part C funds - Department of Education is Lead Agency
- FY 2005-06 State and Federal Part C funds - Department of Human Services is designated Lead Agency
- FY 2006-07 State and Federal Part C funds
- FY 2007-08 State and Federal Part C funds; Private Insurance funds added
- FY 2008-09 State and Federal Part C funds; Private Insurance funds added
- FY 2009-10 State and Federal Part C funds; Private Insurance funds added; ARRA funds added
- FY 2010-11 State and Federal Part C funds; Private Insurance funds added; ARRA funds reduced
- FY 2011-12 State and Federal Part C funds; Private Insurance funds added; ARRA funds eliminated