

## MEMORANDUM



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**TO:** The Joint Budget Committee  
Senate Health and Human Services 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. The following table outlines the waiting list information based on the Community Contract and Management System data as of March 2009.

	Comprehensive Services (24-hour residential)	Supported Living Services	Unduplicated Adult Services Waiting List*	Family Support Services Program
Medicaid Funded	1,194	1,969	2,424	0
State Funded	120	451	423	4,794
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>2,847</b>	<b>4,794</b>

\* 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.
- Eliminating current waiting lists would require approximately \$74 million General Fund.
- The Department would need additional annual increases to keep the waiting lists from reappearing.

Additionally, it should 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. The Department is projecting that additional funding will be needed to serve 700-800 more children beginning in FY 2010-11 at a cost of approximately \$4 million in General Fund.