

# Let the Money Follow the Person to Waiver Services

## Facts First

- **Louisiana has the highest number of people in all ICFs/DD per capita in the country.\***
- **Waiver services could be fully funded through the “Money Follows the Person” methodology making this cost neutral.**
- **Provider participation would be voluntary.**
- **724 of the approximately 3,750 people in Louisiana’s private ICFs/DD are on the seven year waiting list for a waiver.**

*\* as of June 30, 2009*

## What Legislators Can Do:

Allow funds paying for a person’s care in a private ICF/DD to “follow” them into the community and be used to pay for waiver supports, specifically a Residential Options Waiver (ROW) slot.

## Why Do This?

People with disabilities can live more independently and have a better quality of life through the use of home and community-based services.

Many current residents of ICFs/DD could be served at less cost in their own homes.

Home and community-based services are national best practice.

Louisiana has made significant progress in recent years in reducing the number of public ICFs/DD and the total census in these facilities. However this same reduction has not occurred in private ICFs/DD.

Individuals with developmental disabilities should have the right to self determination, independence, integration and inclusion in the community.

Savings realized by serving people in the community could be used to serve more people on the waiver waiting list and build the capacity of the community to serve individuals with extraordinary needs.