

Over 8,000 People with Developmental Disabilities Need Waiver Services

Facts First

- **Over 8,000 people with developmental disabilities have an almost seven year wait for services they need now!**
- **There was a net increase of 1,338 people to the waiting list last year (FY11).**
- **On average NOW slots are less costly than placement in Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF/DD).**

What Legislators Can Do:

Appropriate funds for new waiver slots for people with developmental disabilities.

Why Do This?

Waiver services are more cost effective and afford individuals a better quality of life than institutional settings.

Services and supports provided through home and community-based waivers allow individuals with developmental disabilities to live independently in their own homes or with their families in the community.

Without waiver services, many families may seek more costly institutional care.

- The average annual cost for a new NOW slot is less than \$46,000 and for an existing NOW slot is less than \$55,000. Full implementation of Resource Allocation will further reduce the cost of existing NOW slots.
- The cost of residential services in a 1-8 Bed ICF/DD ranges from \$58,035 to \$73,109.

Individuals with the most severe disabilities can and do live in their own homes with waiver supports.

Resource Allocation has saved over \$44 million cumulatively through FY 12. Savings from the continuation of Resource Allocation should be reinvested in services for people on the waiting list.