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The Arc Washington State

DDC Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council

Self Advocates in Leadership
Rep. Timm Ormsby
LD 3 – Spokane
House Appropriation Committee - Chair

Senator Ann Rivers
LD 18 – Clark County
Senate Ways and Means Committee
Nearly all DD service dollars are matched with federal Medicaid funding. Under Title XIX, Medicaid is used to match state funding for HCBS waiver services. Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) are the percentage rates used to determine the matching funds rate allocated annually to certain programs. The FMAP for FY 2019 is 50.00% state and 50.00% federal with the exception of the Community First Choice program which receives an additional 6% federal match.
Spokane County (LD 3) & Clark County (LD 18)

Total number of DDA clients enrolled:
• Spokane County: 1,226 children, 2,774 adults
• Clark County: 1,432 children, 1,485 adults

Total DDA clients on the Paid/No Paid Services (NPS) caseload:
• Spokane County: Paid - 2,998, NPS - 1,050
• Clark County: Paid - 2,102, NPS – 840

• Data from DSHS/DDA July 2019
Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Biennial Base Funding
Budget Allotment for FY 2020
$1.80 Billion General Funds State / $1.86 Billion General Funds Federal

June 2020 Statistics

⇒ 120,000 people estimated in Washington State with a developmental disability
⇒ 49,450 clients enrolled with the Developmental Disabilities Administration
⇒ 35,476 of those clients receive at least one paid service from DDA
⇒ 13,974 of those clients receive No Paid Services from DDA
⇒ 35,734 clients live with family or in own home
⇒ 13,165 clients live in community residential
⇒ 551 Long-term residents in RHCs
⇒ 67 residents ready to leave RHCs, but no community placement available
DDA Proposed Cuts

• Reduce the number of clients eligible for services by changing eligibility;
• Cut people from the Individual & Family Services (IFS), Basic Plus, Core/Community Protection, and Children’s Intensive In-home Behavior Supports (CIIBS) waivers, don’t allow new placements;
• Reduce respite hours for eligible clients. Delay the increase in children’s enhanced respite beds and crisis stabilization for children.
• Delay implementation of SB 6040 working the No Paid Services caseload.
• Don’t expand enhanced discharge from state hospitals.
• Don’t implement cross agency complex youth program (Youth with DD and mental health issues)
• Stop meaningful day programs in residential for 300 clients
• Don’t implement the increase for the Family Mentor Program
• Divert $2 million intended for the Dan Thompson Community Trust and count as savings.
Rate Reductions:

- Cut 1.8% supported living rate increase from 2020
- Cut additional rates and staff to transition clients from acute care hospitals
- 5% rate reduction for Individual and Group Supported employment

Residential Habilitation Centers (RHC):

- Close Rainier but keep State Operated Living Alternatives (SOLA) to move residents into;
- Fircrest: eliminate client wages, close 1 cottage, and reduce staff;
- Lakeland Village: Consolidate 1 cottage, reduce staff, eliminate therapy services;
- Yakima Valley: Consolidate 2 cottages, reduce staff.
Other Agency Proposed Cuts

Health Care Authority (HCA):
• Optional Services: Physicals, Dental, Therapies, Interpreter Services
• Dentist link for Medicaid Patients

Aging & Long Term Services Administration (ALTSA):
• Eligibility changes
• Eliminate Adult Day Health & Adult Day Care
• Eliminate Meaningful Day Programs in Residential

Department of Health (DOH):
• Neurodevelopmental Centers (Boyer and other Birth to 3 providers)
Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)
Residential Habilitation Centers (RHC) Versus Waiver Services

RHC Clients/Budget Comparison

Center for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) Compliance: The emphasis by federal regulators that Intermediate care facilities (ICF) are “intermediate” is changing practices in the three ICFs.
Constituents Share

Legislative District 3  Family Member: Amy Lind

Legislative District 3 Self-advocate: Resa Hayes

Legislative District 18 Family Member: Debbie Case

Legislative District 18 Self-advocate: Alex Robinson with dad John
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Legislators Respond
What Can You Do Now?

• Respond to The Arc’s Action Alert at www.arcwa.org/action-center/
• Sign the Petition to Stop Dire Cuts at www.arcwa.org/action-center/
• Use the Developmental Disabilities Council’s Advocacy Toolkit HERE
• Know your legislative district: https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/
• Email your Legislators: (FirstName) . (Last Name) @leg.wa.gov
• Post concerns and links on Social Media
• Join an advocacy group: Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL@arcwa.org), Parent Coalitions (Dladwig@Arc-Spokane.org)
Change is made by those who show up, Even by Zoom!

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