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The Arc Washington State

Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council

Self Advocates in Leadership
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

- Central Office - Program Support $5.6 0%
- Consolidated Maintenance and Operations $24.9 1%
- Other Community & Professional Services $34.1 2%
- State Operated Community Residential $62.8 3%
- Field Services $107.9 6%
- RHC $226.2 13%
- In-Home Services and Supports $659.6 37%

Community Residential $682.6 38%

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 by changing eligibility;
• Cut people from the 5 Home & Community Based Services Waivers, don’t allow new placements;
• Reduce respite hours for eligible clients. No new children’s enhanced respite beds and crisis stabilization for children;
• Cut 1.8% supported living rate increase from 2020 session;
• Cut rates and staff to transition clients from hospitals;
• 5% rate reduction for Individual and Group Supported employment;
DDA Proposed Cuts (Continued)

Residential Habilitation Centers (RHC):
- Close Rainier, 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.

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)
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
Senator Karen Keiser
LD 33 – Burien, Normandy Park, SeaTac, Des Moines parts of Kent, Tukwila, and Renton
Senate Ways and Means Committee

Rep. Gina Mosbrucker
LD 14 – Klickitat & Skamania counties, parts of Yakima County & Clark County
House Appropriations Committee

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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