



A System in Despair: Caseload Forecast All DD Services!

The Caseload Forecast Council (CFC) is charged with forecasting the entitlement caseloads for the State of Washington. The CFC adopts official forecasts which are the basis of the Governor's and the Legislature's budget proposals.

Caseload forecasting tells policy-makers the numbers of people who are eligible for certain services.

Currently, some entitlement services that are forecast include public assistance programs, state corrections (including juvenile offenders), the Public School system, Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP), Long-Term Care, Medicaid, foster care, extended foster care and adoption support and youth expected to receive behavioral rehabilitation services in foster care.

The only entitlement services for clients in the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) are personal care and Early Support Infants & Toddlers (ESIT).

Since the majority of DDA services are not an entitlement, there is a long list of people who qualify for DDA services, but receive nothing due to lack of funding. These people, more than 13,000 clients, are on a No Paid Services (NPS) Caseload. If DDA programs were forecast, just like **Aging and Long Term Care services, Foster Care, Public Schools, Criminal Justice, and more**, we would not have thousands of qualified people on waiting lists.

The legislative members currently on the CFC are:

- Senator John Braun;
- Senator Derek Stanford;
- Representative Drew Stokesbary; and
- Representative Steve Bergquist.

We need to amend RCW 43.88C.010 to include caseload forecasting for all DDA services including:

- ⇒ Individuals on the waitlist for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers;
- ⇒ No Paid Services Caseload—Case Resource Managers;
- ⇒ The number of transition students graduating high school;
- ⇒ Children leaving foster care at age 21;
- ⇒ Individuals with behavior challenges in hospitals/Emergency Rooms with no medical need;
- ⇒ The individuals who are age 60 or older and live with their families;
- ⇒ Clients in Residential Habilitation Centers enrolled in Roads to Community Living, but haven't been able to move to a community residential setting;
- ⇒ Children waiting for Voluntary Placement Services;
- ⇒ Adults with DD needing residential services.

Caseload Forecast Services for People with Developmental Disabilities

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