



## DON'T CUT OUR LIFELINE!

### Keep Current Eligibility and Services Funded

COVID-19 has sickened thousands of people in our state and taken the lives of many. People with intellectual disabilities and developmental disorders are three times more likely to die of Covid-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus, compared with others with the diagnosis, according to a large analysis of insurance claims data ([www.nytimes.com/2020/11/10/health/covid-developmental-disabilities.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/10/health/covid-developmental-disabilities.html)).

In addition, the pandemic took a toll on our economy and the legislature must now find a way to make up for the lost revenue that our state uses to fund services.

Governor Inslee had all state agencies give him their recommendations for a 15% cut to their budget, deeper than they have ever been asked to take. For the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), this amounts to a 30% cut, since all services are paid for half state funds and half Federal dollars.

According to DDA, two different Level of Care (LOC) standards are used to determine eligibility for individuals who receive services through DDA. One is the Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Level of Care (ICF/IID LOC), and the other is Nursing Facility Level of Care (NFLOC). The ICF/IID LOC eligibility standard is used for individuals receiving services through a DDA Home and Community Based waiver, which includes State Operated Living Alternatives (SOLA). DDA eligible clients receiving services through the Community First Choice (CFC) Program may be eligible with ICF/IID LOC or NFLOC. The NFLOC standard also applies to clients who receive services in a nursing facility and children receiving Community First Choice who are not DD eligible.

Estimated Client Reductions by Assessment of ICF/IID Eligibility (Does not include RHC):

Client Waiver	Estimated Client Count	Client Age Group	Estimated Client Count	Client Age Group	Estimated Client Count
No waiver	2,094	Group Supported Employment	111	00-02	59
Basic Plus	2,878			03-04	214
CIIBS Waiver	6			05-15	2,014
Community Protection	221	Community Inclusion	163	16-17	205
Core	976			18-21	578
IFS	1,929	Individual Employment	2,644	22-54	4,211
Grand Total	8,104			55-64	571
				65+	252
		Grand Total	2,918	Grand Total	8,104



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