



Welcome to Advocacy Day!

We believe that all people have human dignity and are deserving of respect and self-determination. Therefore, we are committed to ensuring that we are grounded in race, equity, and social justice so that we reduce any cultural, linguistic, and other barriers that prevent people from being fully participating citizens.

In recognition of the historical and ongoing injustice faced by Indigenous peoples, we begin by acknowledging that Washington is the traditional land of 35 tribes representing more than 140,714 native citizens. We honor the original caretakers of this land and recognize their enduring connection to it.

By participating in Advocacy Day, you are agreeing to be respectful of speakers, presenters, and other participants and their diverse thoughts and opinions so we can provide a positive and safe environment for everyone.

We will get started in a few minutes, grab a cup of coffee, and get ready to engage!

Thank you!



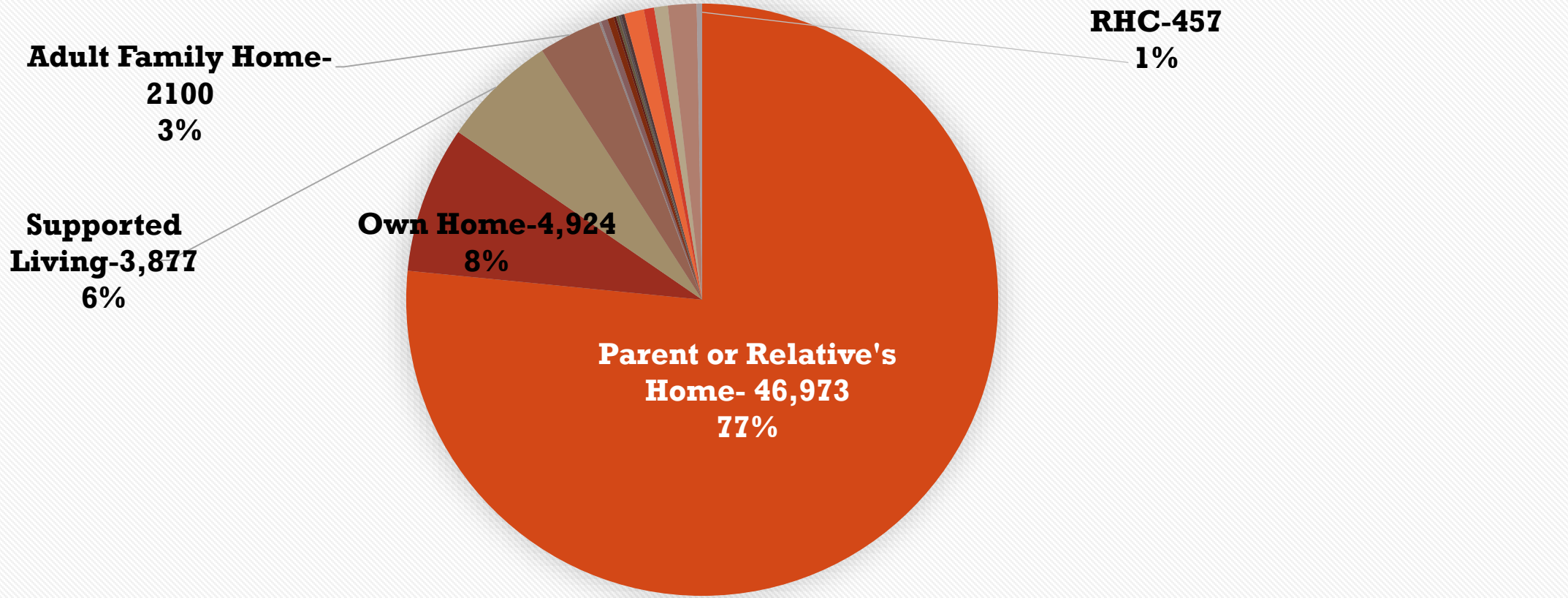
Supporting Families: *How can we ensure families have the support they need?*



FAMILY SUPPORTS

- Families are the long-term care system for individuals with I/DD
- **16,306 (55.5%) Adult DDA clients** live with and receive care from a **parent** or a **relative**
- It is estimated that more than 2000 individuals over the age of 40 are living with parent

Where Do People Live?

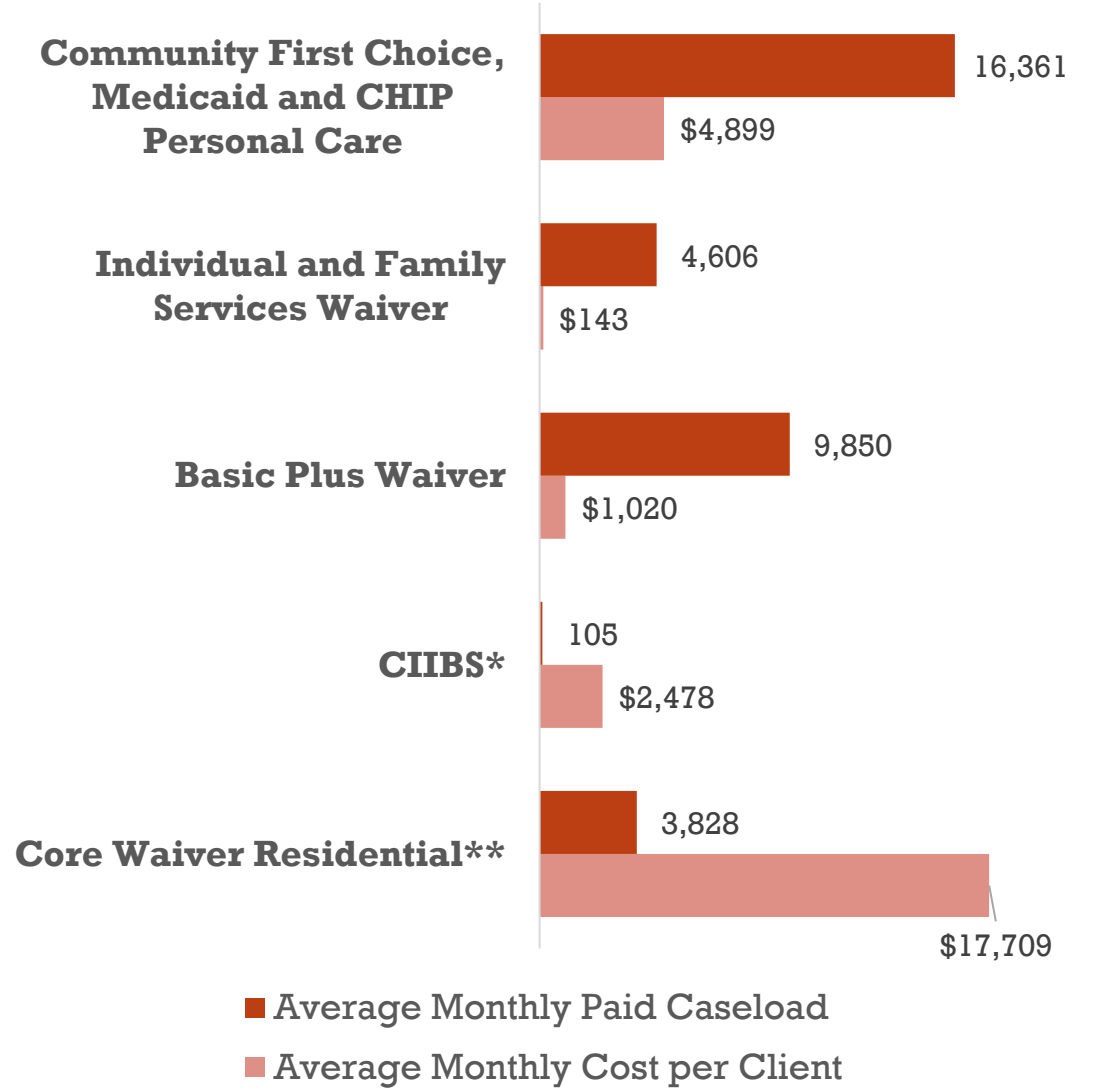


- Parent or Relative's Home- 46,973
- Adult Family Home-2100
- SOLA-Adult-212
- SOLA- Child-10
- DCYF- Foster Care-660
- Other/Unknown-959

- Own Home-4,924
- Alternative Living- 75
- Companion Home-83
- Assisted Living-75
- Other Facilities-345
- Homeless-181

- Supported Living-3,877
- DDA Group Home-224
- Adult Residential Care-85
- DDA Out of Home Services-114
- RHC-457

**AVERAGE MONTHLY
WAIVER COST**



FAMILIES NEED

- Affordable, Accessible Reliable Childcare and after-school programs
- Adequate funding for supports that give individuals meaningful things to do while family members work which provides financial stability to the family
- An occasional break from caregiving (respite)
- A reliable network of well trained, care providers
- Timely and easy to use services
- Information & support
- Assistance navigating systems



AGING FAMILY CAREGIVERS NEED

- Support to plan for the future
- Assurance there will be things in place when they are no longer able to provide care



Bills of Interest



The Arc of Washington State: Updated 4/24/2023

2023 Bills of Interest for People with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD)

Bill	Title	Brief Description	Sponsor	Committee	Status	Position
		Budget and Taxes				
		2021-2023 fiscal operating appropriations	Sen Rolfe	Conference report received		👤
		Capital budget	Sen Mullet	Passed House and Senate		👤
SB 5187	Operating budget 2023/2024					👤
SB 5200	Capital budget 2023/2024					👤
		Medical/Medicaid				
HB 1128	Personal Needs Allowance increase	Increase PNA for those in residential from \$70 to \$100 per month	Rep Bateman	DSHS Request	Delivered to Governor	👤
HB 1188	Forecast people with IDD in foster care	Forecast people with IDD in dependency hearings, foster care, or discontinued extended foster care	Rep Senn	Delivered to Governor		👤
HB 1265	Property tax exemption for AFH	Nonprofit Adult Family Homes serving people with DD are exempt from property taxes	Rep Ramos	Governor Signed		👤
SB 5045	Incentive accessory dwellings	Exemption for renting accessory dwelling to low-income persons, no more than 30% of their income	Sen Kuderer	Delivered to Governor		👤
HB 1628	REET bill	Portion of Real Estate Excise Tax to go to housing for people with IDD, funds are put in a special account	Rep Chopp			👤
		Medical/Medicaid				
HB 1001	Audiology and SLP Interstate Compact	Increase access to audiology & speech-language pathologists by recognizing out-of-state licenses	Rep Leavitt	Delivered to Governor		👤
HB 1069	Mental Health Counselor Compact	Increase access to mental health counselors by recognizing out-of-state licenses	Rep Leavitt	Delivered to Governor		👤
HB 1134	Implementing the 988 System	Establish minimum standards for training of 988 crisis line call centers	Rep Orwall	Delivered to Governor		👤
HB 1222	Coverage for Hearing Instruments	Include health carrier coverage of hearing aides, auditory training and ear molds	Rep Orwall	Delivered to Governor		👤
HB 1247	Licensing Music Therapists	Issue music therapy licenses, create an advisory committee to develop regulations	Rep Reed	Delivered to Governor		👤

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BUDGET



2025 BUDGET SIDE BY SIDE

Agency	Budget Item	Governor Inslee	Governor Ferguson	Senate	House	Final
DDA	Reduce No Paid Services Caseload	(7.0 million)				
	Day Habilitation Program Support	718,000 GFS 718,000 Fed				
	Close Yakima Valley School	(4,505,000) GFS (5,080,000) Fed				
	Close Rainier School	(14,153,000) GFS (15,959,000) Fed				
	Basic Plus Waivers for High School Grads	5,809,000 GFS 5,809,000 Fed				
	15% provider rate increase for crisis diversion beds, for overnight planned respite for adults, and 30% increase for enhanced respite for children	18,342,000 GFS 15,391,000 Fed				
	IFS Waiver utilization	(16,000,000) GFS				
	Community Residential Nursing	488,000 GFS 476,000 Fed				
	Transfer to Community	12,476,000 GFS 11,664,000 Fed				

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How You Can Advocate

2025 Legislative Advocacy Tips

With Shawn Latham and Jessica Renner
from Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)

