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

Families are the long-term care system for individuals with Intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). 77% of DDA clients live with and receive care from a parent or relative, of those, **16,306 (55.5%) are Adults**. It is estimated that more than 2000 individuals over the age of 40 are living with aging parents. The average monthly usage of Medicaid waiver services on the [Basic Plus for individuals living at home](#) is \$1020. We need to ensure that families have adequate supports so they can continue to provide care to their loved one, and the availability of residential services and supports when they no longer can provide care.

### **What do Families Need?**

- Affordable, accessible, and 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, well-paid care providers
- Timely and easy to use services
- Information & support
- Assistance navigating systems
- Aging Families Need Support to plan for the future Assurance there will be things in place when they are no longer able to provide care

### **What you should watch for this session:**

[Employing Parents of Minors \(HB 1200, SB 521\)](#)

[Supporting Aging Families \(HB 1130\)](#)

[Increasing Access to Respite \(HB 1344\)](#)