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Division of Developmental Disabilities

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Mission, Values, Vision

The Division of Developmental Disabilities oversees Illinois’ system of programs and services specifically designed for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

• **Mission**
  Supporting people to attain their wants, needs and dreams.

• **Vision**
  We believe in opportunities for those we serve so they can maximize control over their life choices to achieve personal success including:
  • Having relationships with family and friends
  • Being healthy and safe
  • Contributing to the community
  • Making decisions
  • Engaging in competitive employment
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**Diagram: Individuals**

- CILAs (Adult)
- AHBS (Adult)
- ICFs/DD (Adults & Children)
- CHBS (Children)
- CGH (Children)
Home and Community-Based Services Waivers

- The DDD is the Operating Agency for 3 HCBS Waivers
  - Adults with Developmental Disabilities
  - Children’s Residential
  - Children’s Support
- The DDD received approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the renewals of all three waivers and all changes went into effective July 1, 2022. It is a federal requirement that waivers be renewed every 5 years.
- The DDD worked with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) to submit waiver amendments for each waiver effective 1/1/23 (all were approved ahead of the effective date).
Children’s Residential Waiver

• Eligibility: Children and young adults 3-21 years of age with developmental disabilities

• Services available:
  • Children’s Group Home
  • Behavior Intervention and Treatment
  • Adaptive Equipment
  • Assistive Technology
Children’s Support Waiver

• Eligibility: Children and young adults 3-21 years of age with developmental disabilities

• Services available:
  • Home Based Support Services
  • Service Facilitation
  • Personal Support
  • Behavioral Intervention and Treatment
  • Training and Counseling for Unpaid Caregivers
  • Adaptive Equipment
  • Assistive Technology
Adults with Developmental Disabilities Waiver

• Eligibility: Young adults and adults 18 and older with developmental disabilities
• Services available:
  • Residential Habilitation
  • Home Based Support Services
  • Community Day Services
  • Supported Employment
  • Adaptive Equipment
  • Assistive Technology
  • Remote Supports
  • Personal Support
  • Home Modifications
  • Vehicle Modifications
  • Behavioral Services (Psychotherapy and Counseling)
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DDD System Budget Context

• **Community Care [$1.85B] ($1.7B in FY23)**
  • 3 Home and Community Based (HCBS) Medicaid Waivers
    • Adults with DD Waiver ($1.7B, $1.5 in FY23), serving ~23,700
    • Children’s Residential Waiver ($24M flat), serving ~150
    • Children’s Support Waiver ($14M flat), serving ~900

• **Institutional Care [$740M] ($663M in FY23)**
  • 203 Private Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with I/DD, serving 4,300 ($366M, up from $325M)
  • 7 State Developmental Centers, serving 1,600 ($374M, up from $338M)

• **Grants [$120M] (FY23 $105M est.)**
  • Funds Respite, Epilepsy, Dental, Stabilization Homes, etc.

Total: $2.6 Billion+ Supporting 30,000+ individuals with I/DD (FY 23 $2.4B)
PUNS List

- The State’s database that registers children and adults with I/DD who want or need HCBS waiver-funded DD services.
- As funding is available, based on appropriation, individuals are selected from PUNS for funded services based on time waiting.
- There are two categories of people on the PUNS List:
  - Seeking Services: Children and adults who currently need or desire funded services – PUNS selections are made from the Seeking category only.
  - Planning for Services: Children and adults who do not currently need or desire funded services but may in the future.
- Since 2018, the DDD sends “early notice letters” to notify individuals of their anticipated selection from the PUNS List (roughly 6 months prior to selection letters)
- In July 2023, pending appropriations, DDD will select roughly 1,300 adults from the Seeking Services category.
- In early FY24, pending appropriations, DDD will select between 900 and 1,200 children from the Seeking Services category for services and supports within the Children’s Support Waiver.
This graph displays persons authorized for CILA (GOD) as compared to Adult Home-based persons (Client Type H). Enrollments as of June 30th. Adults at home authorized for "Day Program Only" are NOT included here.
Ligas Consent Decree

• June 15, 2011 – State entered into a Consent Decree settling Ligas v. Hamos
• Class Members:
  • Adults with I/DD living in state-funded, private intermediate care facilities (ICF) with 9 or more residents who wish to move to a community-based setting and receive community-based services
  • Adults living at home wishing to receive community-based services
• Consent Decree focus:
  • A person-centered, coordinated, integrated community-based system
  • Programs, activities and services and supports provided in the most integrated setting that meets the choices and needs of individuals
• Compliance activities:
  • Reasonable Pace
  • Annual Implementation Plan
  • Ligas Reviews
  • Guidehouse Rate Study
Guidehouse Rate Study

Emerged from the *Ligas* Consent Decree.

- Result of a yearslong process
- Oversight Committee and statewide stakeholder engagement process focused on updating and modernizing the I/DD system
  - Recommendations focused on rates & methodologies for adult residential (CILA, ICF) and day program (CDS, SEP) systems plus other related services.
- Rate Study was released in December 2020.
- Estimated cost to implement all recommendations: $745 million+
- State's investment (including FY2024) in Guidehouse: ~ $400 million.
  - FY24 proposed budget includes $119.8 million to implement new recommendations and to annualize FY24 recommendations.
- New funding and federal CMS approval for Waiver Amendments (CILAs) and State Plan Amendments (ICFs) SSI are needed to implement
I/DD Community System Summary and Investments

• Since 2019...
  • **Wages for front-line DSP staff have increased significantly:**
    • Downstate wages increase from $12 to $17 an hour: 41%
    • Chicago, Cook, and Collar Counties up from $12 to $19.55 an hour: 63%
  • # of those served in CILAs has been level; home-based services increased:
    • CILA: 11,406 to 11,134 – 2% decrease
    • Home-based: 10,353 to 12,030 - 16% increase

• Since 2016, **community-DD system State funding is up by 89%** ($800 million); since 2019, growth of $670 million or 63%

• Cost over 7 years for the Guidehouse Study: at least $745M+
  • Including FY’24, IDHS will have invested $400M and seeks "full funding" by FY27.
  • Rate calculator: 99%+ (9,900+ of 10,000) individuals receiving an increased top-line rate, but the new assessment does yield a "loss of hours"
FY2024 Proposed Budget

- **Guidehouse Rate Study Recommendations**
  - $1.50/hour DSP wage increase (waiver and ICF) (effective 1/1/24 or upon federal CMS approval)
  - Community Day Services (CDS) regionalization (effective 1/1/24 or upon federal CMS approval)
  - Annualization of FY23 Guidehouse recommendations

- **PUNS**
  - 700 adult PUNS placements
  - 500 children’s PUNS placements (for the Children’s Support Waiver)

- **SSI**
  - Annualizes FY 23 increase and supports potential FY24 increase (1/1/24)

- **Other**
  - Stabilization Homes investment
DSP Residential Wages (Excludes Fringe)

Chicago & collar counties wages increase from $11.46 to $19.55.
Downstate wages increase from $11.46 to $17.00.
Independent Service Coordination Agencies

- Individuals and families work with a local ISC agency
- The ISC helps with registration on the PUNS database and then with accessing and entering services (waiver and otherwise) across the DD system
- ISCs serve a critical role in the **Person-Centered Planning process** completing the Discovery Tool and the Personal Plan for each waiver recipient
- 8 ISC agencies and 12 ISC regions
  - Service Inc. of Illinois (3 regions)
  - Community Alternatives Unlimited
  - Community Service Options
  - Suburban Access, Inc.
  - Prairieland Service Coordination Inc. (3 regions)
  - Champaign County Regional Planning Commission
  - Central Illinois Service Access
  - Southern Illinois Case Coordination Services
ISC Agency Updates

ISC Monitoring Visits
• Beginning in FY23, the ISCs returned to completing a minimum of four face-to-face visits per year, for each individual served through DD waiver programs.

ADA/Olmstead Outreach
• Beginning in FY23 and to be done annually, ISCs have and will visit ICF/DDs and SODCs to engage with the individuals living there.
• The ISC will engage the Guardian prior to outreach via formal letter and call.
• At the meeting, the ISC will share information on developmental disability services available to the individual, including HCBS Waiver funded services and supports and offer to register the individual on PUNS if interested in HCBS and living in an ICF/DD.
Housing Navigator

- Housing Navigators (HNs) have been hired at 7 ISC agencies
- HNs are working with current ISC Case Managers to support individuals to apply for affordable housing. They will also track interest.
- HNs are providing landlord outreach, relationship building and working to create a master list of housing options in various communities.
- HNs are responsible for outreach and developing educational information about the program to distribute to individuals and families in the waiver and on the PUNS list.
- HNs are participating in pilot activities and Technical Assistance as part of the pilot program in conjunction with ICDD.
- After 2 years, ICDD will release a report on the success of dedicated Housing Navigators housed at ISCs.
Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)

- EVV is a federal mandate passed by Congress in 2016 via the 21st Century Cures Act.
- States are required to implement a technology-based system that verifies personal care services provided during home visits in an effort to improved Medicaid program integrity, safeguard against fraud and abuse and improve program oversight.
- HFS announced the new EVV vendor, HHA eXchange earlier this year.
- HFS and DDD are working closely with HHA as well as ACES$ to ensure a smooth implementation of EVV across Illinois and specifically, in the HBS systems.
- **DDD is hosting 2 webinars next week (3/30 and 3/31) to hear from HFS and HHA**
- **DDD will announce feedback sessions in the coming weeks** to hear from families and providers on their questions and concerns related to EVV.
- PSWs and individuals receiving services will receive training on the EVV system via their PSW agency or ACES$ based on how services are received.
- Implementation Date: Soft start July 1, 2023, and official start August 1, 2023
**HCBS Settings Rule**

- The federal HCBS Settings Rule requires all states to come into compliance by March 17, 2023, in order to maintain HCBS Waiver funding.
- The rule is designed to make sure that the services people receive provide the opportunity for integration and access to the community, choice, individual rights, and independence.
- “Maximize the opportunities for participants in HCBS programs to have access to the benefits of community living and to receive services in the most integrated setting.”
- The Settings Rule applies to ALL HCBS waiver funded services including home-based, CDS and CILA services, among others.
HCBS Settings Rule

• State validated all provider-controlled sites (roughly 2,300 sites) for compliance including children and adult residential and day program sites via onsite and desk validation.
  • Onsite visits to ~500 sites.
  • Heightened Scrutiny sites
• DDD provided regular provider webinars, weekly Settings specific email communications and held weekly office hours to answer provider questions.
• DDD continues to work to update Administrative rules as well as policies and procedures for ongoing compliance post now that the Settings deadline has passed.
• Ongoing compliance will include:
New Direct Support Professional Training

• DDD has contracted with the UIC Institute on Disability and Human Development to support development of a new DDD DSP Training.
• DDD has created a diverse group of stakeholders including partnering departments/divisions, associations, DSPs, self-advocates and others.
• The workgroup is assessing current DSP Training and is making recommendations for changes to ensure training is based on:
  • Nationally validated competency areas and topics
  • DSP code of ethics
  • Appropriate for additional programs to use such as ISBE Career Tech Education Pathways, community college tracks for CNAs and/or caseworkers and vocational rehabilitation (if desired)
• Go Live Date: FY24
During the spring 2021 legislative session, the General Assembly passed, and Governor Pritzker signed Public Act 102-0043 (Senate Bill 2294).

The Act requires IDHS to work with HFS and stakeholders to study the development and implementation of a supports waiver for young adults with developmental disabilities.

Specifically, the Act requires IDHS to look at the following as potential components of a supports waiver:

- Age of individuals
- Number of individuals
- Services to be provided
- Funding to be provided (caps, etc.)
- Transition process to the Adult DD Waiver
- Waiver type
Choate Transformation

• On March 8, Governor Pritzker and IDHS Secretary Grace Hou announced the transformation of the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center.
  • IDHS will also focus on resident safety at Choate and throughout the other 6 SODCs.
    • Appointed a Chief Resident Safety Officer
  • IDHS will transition 123 individuals from Choate to new placements in community settings, ICF settings or other SODCs based on their wants and needs.
  • IDHS has engaged Southern Illinois University to help us with the transformation including:
    • Determining the provision and appropriate location for services and supports to specialized populations: Dual Diagnosis, Forensics and Forensic Step-down.
    • Repurposing Choate grounds.
    • Expansion of mental health footprint.
  • Adding headcount for Office of Inspector General investigators.
Thank you!

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