



Community-Based Services Registry of Needs

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is required to maintain a Registry of Needs. When an individual is found eligible for DD services, they are either prioritized for funding (i.e. in emergent need of protection from abuse/neglect, shelter, food or medical attention) or their request for services is added to the Registry. Although the Developmental Disabilities Services Act (DDSA) requires individuals to utilize available educational services and most youth are cared for in their family homes, the Division encourages early determination of eligibility for DD services. This provides individuals and their families with information for long-term planning during their educational years, and it also provides for expedited access to services if emergent needs arise. Individuals are added to the Registry of Needs with a designated “date of need”, generally the date they are anticipated to leave educational services at the conclusion of the school year in which they turn age 21. For this reason, there are many people on the Registry of Needs whose date of need is a future date. Individuals who are past their requested date of need are waiting for dollars to be appropriated so that they may access services and are considered as having unmet needs.

Since 2009, the Legislature has appropriated an additional \$13.6 million to provide services to people on the Registry of Needs (\$5 million in 2009, \$5 million in 2010, and \$3.6 million in 2011). Since 2009, the Division has offered services to individuals in rounds based upon requested dates of need; additionally, in accordance with the DDSA, some individuals were offered funds based upon their priority status (referred to as Priority 1 cases).

It was brought to the Division’s attention that the previous years’ NFOCUS data on the Registry included new graduates. Thus, new graduate data has been added into our Registry Summary data analysis. Transitions from BSDC are also included to provide a thorough representation of new persons entering services.

The Registry data as of December 31, 2012 indicates that there are 2,654 total requests pending on behalf of 2,207 persons (as some people have multiple requests pending), Utilizing the January 18, 2013 date of need provided for in LB375 (2013), the Registry data indicates that there are 2,129 service requests pending on behalf of 1,775 individuals; these requests would be considered unmet needs.

Some individuals have a request for more than one service, for instance day and residential services. Many individuals received offers during multiple rounds. Additionally, 454 individuals who declined offered services from July 1, 2009 to present chose to move their date of need, and

are reflected in the 2,207 individuals who have pending requests. Further detailed statistics are included herein in the *DD Registry of Needs, Summary of Activity, SFY 2009 to Present*.

| Registry Activity – July 1, 2009 to Present (Unduplicated Individuals) | # |
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| Individuals Offered Services | 2,470 |
| Individuals Accepting Services (not including those who later terminated services) | 1,669 |
| Individuals Declining Services or Failing to Respond to Offers | 704* |
| Individuals Accepting Services, Then Subsequently Terminating Services | 86 |
| Offers Pending | 11 |

LB375 (2013) proposes funding for the Registry of Needs, utilizing January 18, 2013 date of need. The current estimated annual cost of funding services for individuals on the registry of unmet needs is as follows:

| | # of Persons | State Funds | Federal Funds | Total Estimated Cost |
|---|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Individuals whose date of need is on or before January 18, 2013 | 1,775 | \$ 38,453,974 | \$ 43,362,992 | \$ 81,816,966 |
| Individuals whose date of need is after January 18, 2013 | 486 | \$ 9,371,363 | \$ 11,423,775 | \$ 21,155,138 |
| Total | 2,207 | \$ 48,185,338 | \$ 57,276,808 | \$ 102,972,104 |

Additionally, in order to meet the terms and assurances to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and to properly meet the needs of these 1,775 additional individuals in services, the Division would need funding for the following staff: 67 service coordinators (fewer than the standard caseload projections, because 94 individuals on the Registry already have service coordinators), 6 service coordination supervisors, 3 developmental disability service specialists, 3 developmental disability surveyors, 1 program specialist/technical assistance specialists, and 2 support staff. The estimated cost for these additional staff members is approximately \$5.84 million.

The positive impact the additional appropriations have made in the lives of individuals needing supports is significant. The Division appreciates the Legislature's continued commitment to funding services and providing quality supports to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: DD Registry of Needs, Summary of Activity, SFY 2009 to Present
- Attachment B: DD Registry of Needs, Utilizing January 18, 2013 Requested Date