



Department of Health and Human Services

Division of Developmental Disabilities

FISCAL YEAR 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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Organizational Leadership



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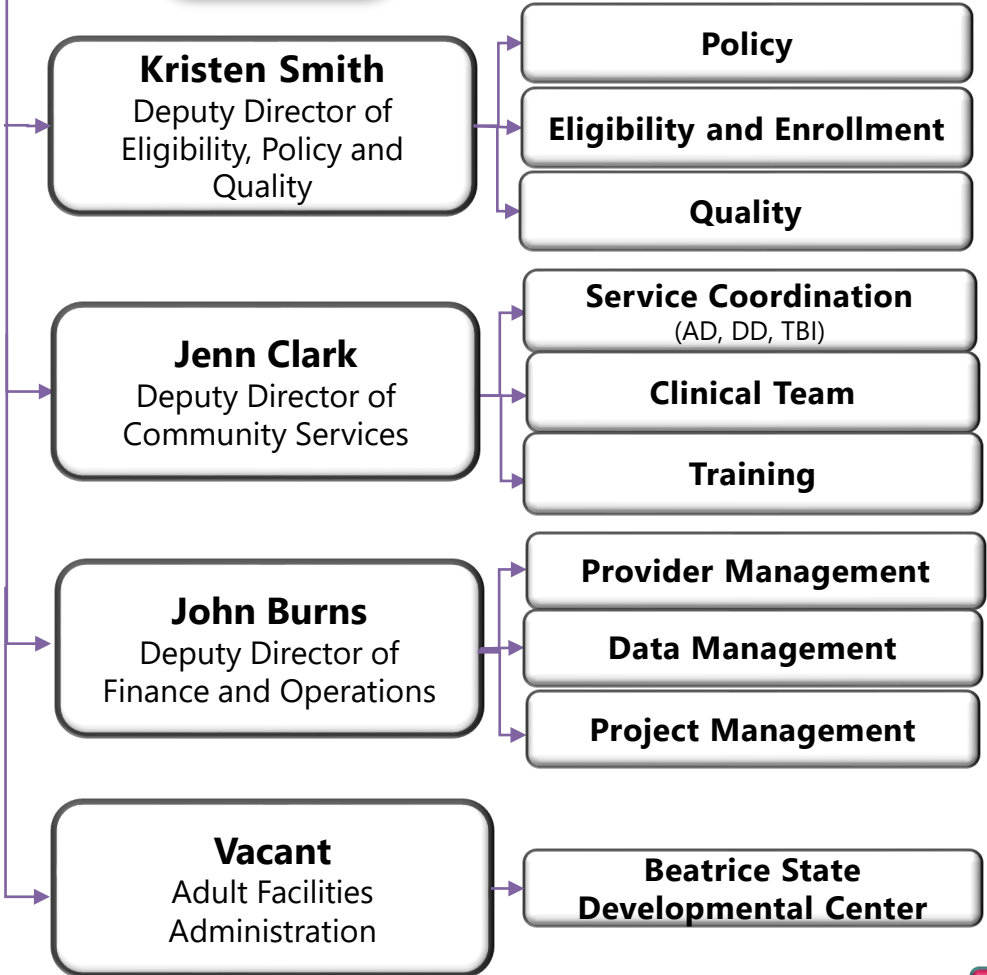
Chief Executive Officer



Division of Developmental Disabilities

Tony Green

Director



Governor appointed

Message from Director Green

Dear Nebraskans,

The Division of Developmental Disabilities serves over 11,000 Nebraskans with services and supports to help them live their best lives. All Nebraskans deserve to live, work, play, and pursue their life aspirations.

The work we do involves determining eligibility by assessing individuals' needs to find which services would be most beneficial to them, providing service coordination for eligible people, monitoring services, and paying providers. The Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waivers offer an array of services to support people in homes and community.

We use Person-Centered Planning which is a process-oriented approach empowering people to plan their lives, find their voice, and work towards reaching their goals. This ensures that each plan is developed with the person, for the person, and by the person which allows us to connect individuals with the services and supports they want and need. Individuals can also decide who helps with developing their plan, whether that is family, friends, or organizations who support them. Our Service Coordinators check in monthly to make sure services are going well and to help answer any questions.

I urge all Nebraskans to join us in supporting and encouraging individuals with disabilities and those who are aging to live full lives, achieve their goals and dreams, and be active members of their communities.

Sincerely,

Tony Green

Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities

Division of Developmental Disabilities Demographics

14,655

People Served FY 2023

**Some people move between waiver services. When this occurs, an individual would be counted in multiple waivers during a fiscal year, therefore, the sum of people across the waiver service types is greater than the total served.*

Gender

44.8% Females **54.2%** Males

Age

10% <1-19
53% 20-64
37% 65+

Race

1% American Indian or Alaskan Native
5% Asian or Pacific Islander
8% Black or African American
6% Hispanic or Latino
1% Two or More
6% Unknown
72% White (Not Hispanic)



Home and Community-Based Services Waivers

Number of Persons Served by Waiver - FY 2023

Aged and Disabled (AD) Waiver

8,834

For people ages 65 and older, and people of all ages with physical disabilities. Must have physical and health needs that require a nursing facility level of care.

Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities (CDD) Waiver

5,051

For people of all ages with a developmental disability. Must have needs that require services like those provided in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID).

Developmental Disabilities Adult Day (DDAD) Waiver

674

Available for people ages 21 and over with a developmental disability. Must have needs that require services like those provided in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID).

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver

19

Available for people ages 18 to 64 with a traumatic brain injury diagnosis. Must have nursing facility level of care. This waiver is not for acquired brain injury caused by strokes, tumors, and other non-traumatic causes.

COMING SOON: Family Support Waiver

The intent of the waiver is to help support children and their families in Nebraska. The new waiver will serve up to **850** children with developmental disabilities. Each participant will have a maximum annual budget of **\$10,000**.

Beatrice State Developmental Center

The Division oversees Beatrice State Development Center (BSDC) Intermediate Care Facilities home to Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID).

77
Census at the end of FY 2023

59 years

Average Age

41 years

Average Length of Stay

BSDC is a 24-hour state and federally funded residential treatment facility dedicated to the provision of specialized psychological, medical and developmental supports to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Crisis Stabilization Unit

Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and Community Reintegration Program began in May 2017, to address a critical gap in serving the population participating in home and community-based services (HCBS) DD waiver programs.

- Placement at the specialized unit designed to be a temporary stay.
- The Crisis Program provides a period of intense treatment and habilitation.
- The participant's team from the Crisis Program continues transition supports for a period of time after they integrate back into the community with a DD risk provider.

Fiscal Year 2023



Expenditures

\$743,525,528

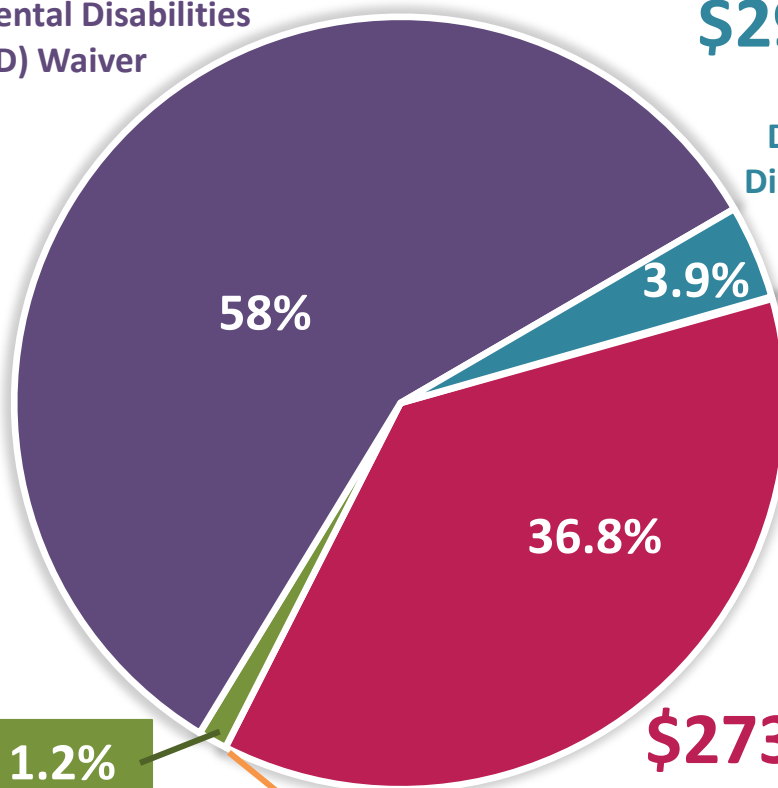
Total funds expended through the Division of Developmental Disabilities FY 2023

\$430,607,893

Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities (CDD) Waiver

\$29,304,208

Beatrice State Developmental Disabilities (BSDC)



\$9,069,533

Developmental Disabilities Adult Day (DDAD) Waiver

.1%

\$693,276

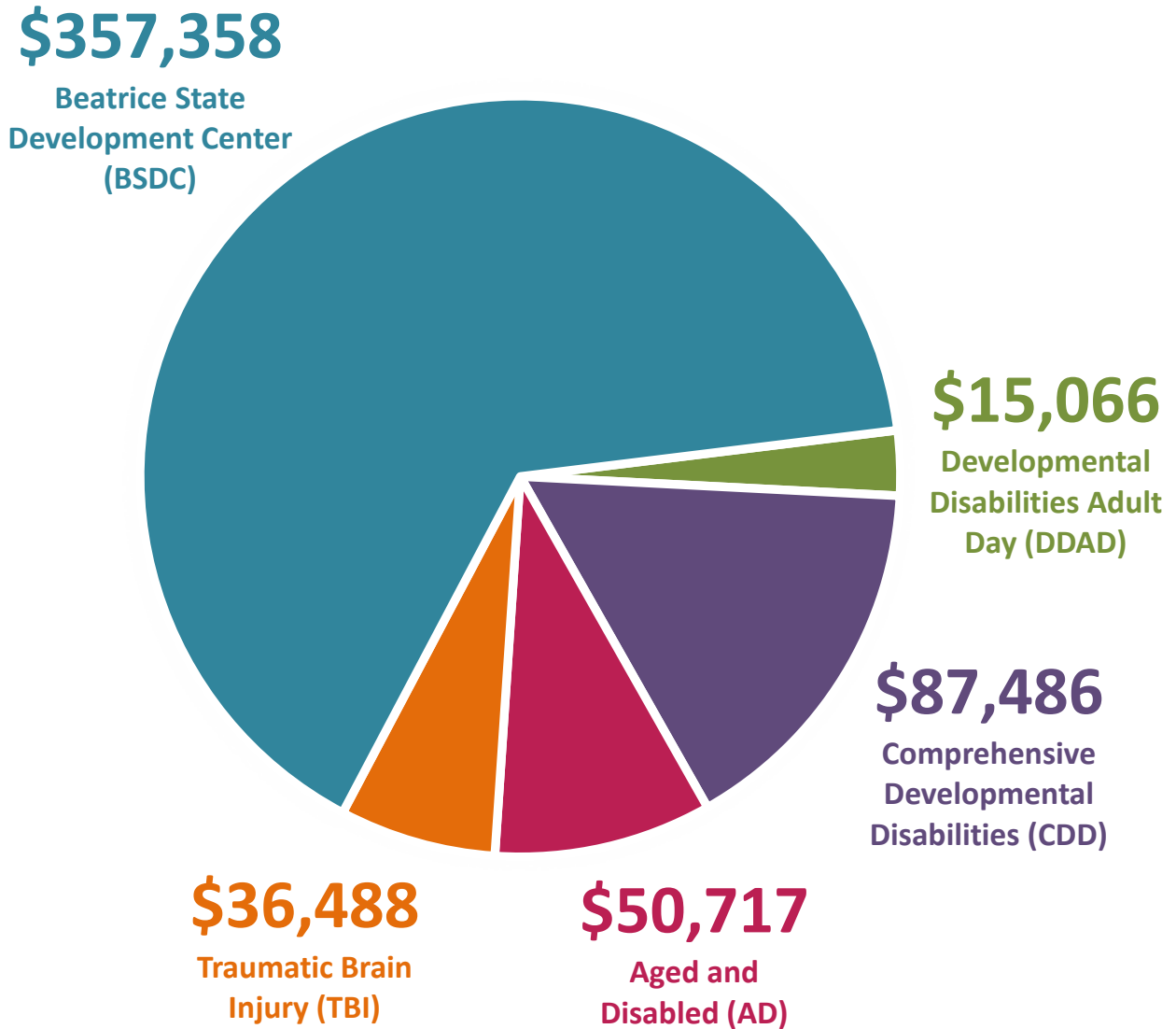
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

\$273,850,618

Aged and Disabled (AD) Waiver

Expenditures: Average Annual Cost Per Person

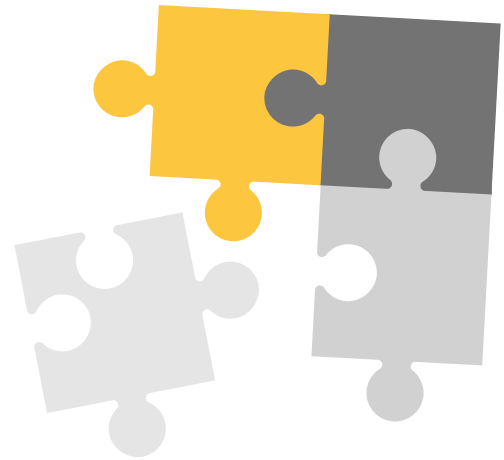
Division of Developmental Disabilities FY 2023



Eligibility and Enrollment

11,782

Level of Care Assessments completed for Eligibility



WHAT DOES ELIGIBILITY & ENROLLMENT DO?

- Process applications for all HCBS Waivers;
- Complete Level of Care Assessments;
- Complete the Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP) to determine need level; and
- Maintain the Registry for people eligible for DD waivers.

Number of Applications Processed FY 2023

5,171

Aged & Disabled Waiver

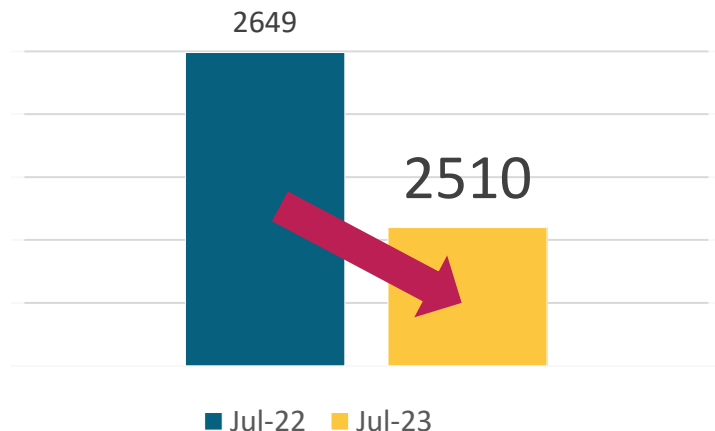
1,050

Developmental Disabilities Waivers

706

People received a Funding Offer for a Developmental Disabilities (DD) waiver in FY 2023

Number of People on the Registry



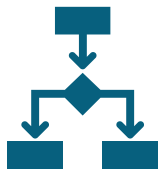
Quality Management

The Division of Developmental Disabilities began our partnership with Liberty Healthcare Corporation in January 2021.



Critical Incident Management Process

The new Critical Incident Management Process (CIMP) process went live with Developmental Disabilities (DD) waivers on October 1, 2022, and the Aged & Disabled and TBI Waivers on March 1, 2023.



153

Root Cause Analysis (RCA) completed with **42** DD Waiver Providers.

Liberty uses a root cause analysis process to work alongside providers to determine causes of incidents and to identify solutions to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Mortality Review Process

Liberty reviews **100%** of the mortalities on Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers and at the Beatrice State Developmental Center

➤ Increase Education

Training Topics:

- Identifying changes in health status,
- Recognizing and responding to Fatal Five Plus conditions,
- How to respond to acute care needs.



National Core Indicators

Nebraska participates in three National Core Indicator (NCI) survey processes: Aging and Disabilities (NCI-AD), Developmental Disabilities (NCI-DD), and workforce. The surveys to help assess the quality of life for adults receiving services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities.



The University of Nebraska Medical Center, Munroe-Meyer Institute partners to conduct face-to-face interviews with adults receiving services.


The **goal is to improve services for the people of Nebraska** by using the feedback and opinions gathered from the Nebraskan's using those services.


Aged and Disabled (AD) Survey Report

The Aging and Disabilities National Indicators Survey (NCI-AD) reaches out to adults receiving services through the Aged and Disabled Waiver and the Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver, as well as, individuals receiving services through nursing care facilities or in their homes through the Personal Assistance Services (PAS) program.

593
Surveys
Conducted

AD Waiver compared to the Average Survey Year 2019-2020

 **89%** Percentage of people who like where they live. Average is 84%.

 **62%** Percentage of people who are as active in their communities as they would like to be. Average is 48%.

97%
Percentage of people whose services help them live a **BETTER LIFE!**

National Core Indicators (cont.)

Developmental Disabilities Survey Report

The Munroe-Myer Institute provides an interactive dashboard with National Core Indicators for Developmental Disabilities (NCI-DD) responses. The dashboard permits people to explore all questions answered by respondents.

418
Surveys
Conducted
Survey Year 21-22

Survey Response Examples

Survey Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

Staff

98%

Individuals report Staff do things the way they want them done.

(New question added to the 21-22 Survey.)

Service Coordination

Service Coordinator knows what is important to the individual.

91%

78%



20-21

21-22

Self-Direction

50%

Individuals' services and supports they want to self-direct are always available.

(New question added to the 21-22 Survey.)

Activities Outside the Home

Individuals can get to places they need to go.

99%

95%



20-21

21-22

Community Participation

96%

Individuals do things with the people they want outside of the home.

(New question added to the 21-22 Survey.)

Employment

Has paid job in a Community-Based Setting

27%

17%

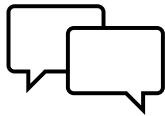


20-21

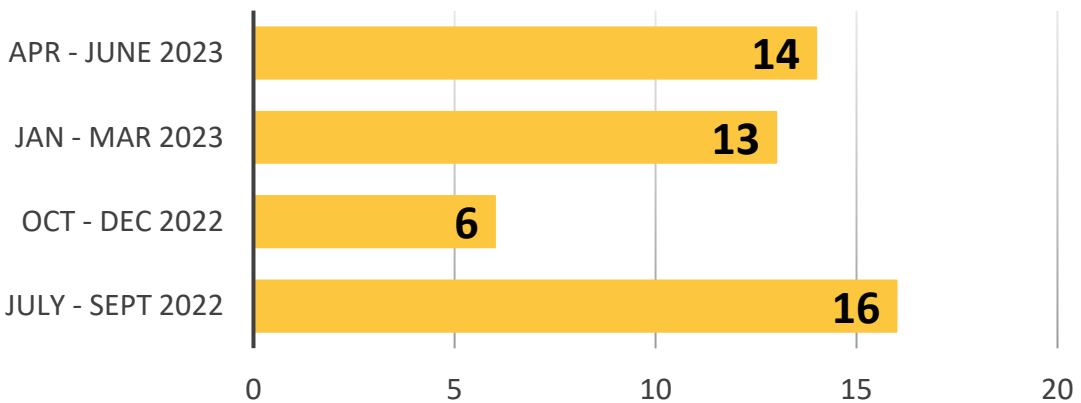
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Training, Support, and Outreach

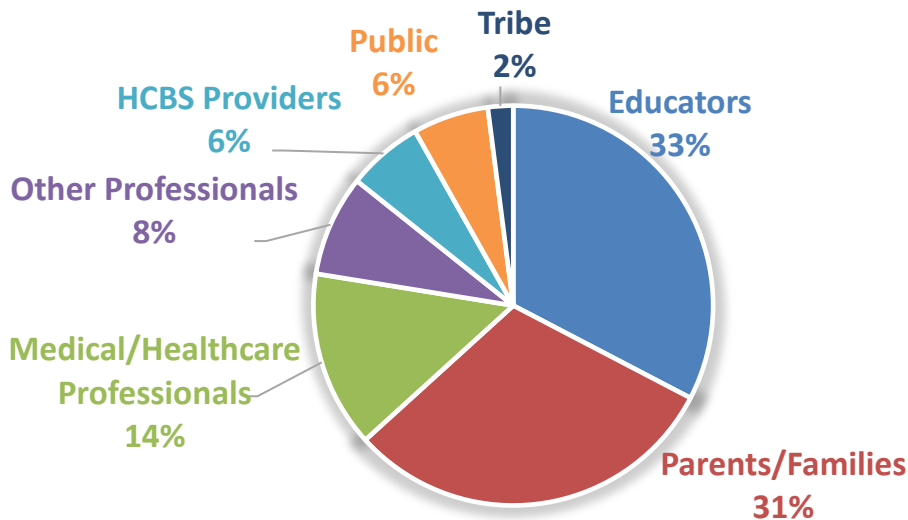
The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) is committed to providing FREE training and community engagement events. These trainings included Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers transition, services and applications; Youth in the Justice System; and Employment relationship with Vocational Rehabilitation.



OUTREACH EVENTS BY QUARTER



AUDIENCE THAT ATTENDED OUTREACH EVENTS



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DHHS Division of Developmental Disabilities

If you or a loved one has an intellectual or developmental disability and is in need of services or supports to help you live a happy, healthy, and full life, reach out to us for resources and assistance.

There are resources available, and we are here to support you!

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