



## **Developmental Disabilities Community Services Waiting List and Emergencies**

### **Issue**

Over 8,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families are on the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Community Services Waiting List for family and individual supports, employment programs, and community day and residential supports.

**The Governor's Proposed FY 2017 DDA Budget increases funds for projected emergencies and fully funds the Crisis Resolution Waiting List Category.**

### **Emergencies**

**\$ 6.67 Million to provide support to 161 people in residential, day, supported employment, personal services and individual support services.**

Unexpected emergencies occur throughout the year. These are people who are not on the Waiting List, e.g. when a 90 year-old parent dies, leaving a 50 year-old son alone; or a person on the Waiting List becomes an emergency due to the death or life-threatening illness of their family caregiver.

### **Crisis Resolution**

**\$5.48 Million to support 113 people in residential, day, supported employment self-directed, personal and individual support services.** Crisis Resolution is the most urgent level of need of the DDA Waiting List. Crisis Resolution is defined as 'Homeless, or at risk of losing their home; at risk of harming themselves or others; Have caregiver(s) who are elderly or cannot care for them because of illness.'

### **Waiting List Equity Fund**

**\$727,777 for 24 people on the Waiting List with the most elderly caregivers.**

### **Recommendation**

- **Support the Governor's Proposed FY 2017 DDA Budget to support 161 emergency/crisis placements. 113 people on Crisis Resolution Waiting List, and 24 people living with the oldest caregivers.**



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