

Support Funding for Texans with Disabilities to Live in Their Communities!

Community-based services and supports foster self-reliance, promote families, and enrich the community.

- There are approximately 100,000 Texans with disabilities are currently on interest lists (waiting lists) for community-based services and supports.
- Some Texans have waited more than 13 years for these critical community services (there is no wait to enter a State Supported Living Centers (SSLC)).
- Community based waivers provide critical services that allow people to remain in their own homes. Services are based on an individual's needs and include: attendant care, respite, employment assistance/support, therapies, residential services, home modifications, behavior supports, financial management...

In our districts alone, there are..

Senate District 4 3,267 House District 19 555 House District 21 603 House District 22 766

Waiting for community services.

The following items requested by The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) would help bring Texas closer to a state where people can live where they choose and fully benefit their communities.

The Arc of Beaumont and The Arc of Texas urge you to fund: DADS Exceptional Item 3: Reducing Community Waiver Interest Lists

- This item fully funds the STAR+PLUS waiver and DBMD interest lists.
- It would also funds services for 20% of the estimated number of people eligible and likely to accept services on the HCS, MDCP, TxHmL, CLASS, and Title XX services interest lists.

It will provide funds for community-based waiver services for an additional 15,145 people:

Waiver	FY 2016 # of People	FY 2017 # of people
HCS	3,396	6,792
CLASS	2,076	4,151
DBMD	10	21
MDCP	641	1,282
TxHmL	520	1,040
STAR+Plus	823	1,646

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