

REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
STATE OF HAWAII  
2008

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 333F, SECTION 6, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES,  
REGARDING SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES OR MENTAL RETARDATION, DIRECTING THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO KEEP WAITING LISTS OF ALL INDIVIDUALS  
WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES AND SUPPORTS, BUT FOR WHOM  
SERVICES AND SUPPORTS HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDED, AND THE REASONS  
FOR THE LACK OF SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with Chapter 333F, Section 6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities or Mental Retardation, enacted by the Legislature in 1998, the Department of Health is directed to "keep waiting lists of all individuals who are eligible for services and supports, but for whom services and supports have not been provided for any reason, and to report annually to the legislature the numbers of persons waiting for services and supports and the reasons for the lack of services and supports." This report summarizes all wait lists for persons with Developmental Disabilities or Mental Retardation waiting for services and supports.

As of June 30, 2007, there were no individuals with developmental disabilities and/or mental retardation on a waitlist for services under the Developmental Disabilities/Mental Retardation Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver. Due to the August, 2005 settlement and release agreement with the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, the Department no longer maintains a waitlist for Waiver services by processing all individuals applying for the Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver. As a result, demand for Waiver services has increased yearly. The Department does maintain wait lists for non-mandated services through Purchase of Service contracts, and other services not considered purchase of service.

## REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

### IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 333F, Section 6, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Chapter 333F, Section 6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, enacted in 1998, directs the Department of Health "to keep waiting lists of all individuals who are eligible for services and supports, but for whom services and supports have not been provided for any reason, and to report annually to the legislature the numbers of persons waiting for services and supports and the reasons for the lack of services and supports."

#### Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid Waiver

As of June 30, 2007, there were **0** individuals with developmental disabilities and/or mental retardation waiting for services under the Developmental Disabilities/Mental Retardation Home and Community-Based Waiver Services.

For FY '07, 216 individuals were admitted into the Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver:

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	=	72
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	=	63
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	=	39
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	=	<u>42</u>
		216

#### Non-mandated Services

Purchase of Service:

- 1) Partnerships in Community Living (PICL) – **No waitlist.** All 319 names on the PICL request list have been offered access to PICL funding.
- 2) Long-Term Adult Supports and Resources (LASR) – **No waitlist.** All 45 names on the LASR request list have been offered access to LASR.

Other non-mandated services:

- 1) Respite – 92 individuals classified as "P2" (priority 2) are still listed on the respite request list. Many are enrolled in the Medicaid waiver and have been informed

that they should get their respite needs met by the waiver. These names will be removed from the DOH Respite request list.

- 2) Family Support Services Program (FSSP) is a state funded program that supports an individual's living situation in the family home by reimbursing families for monies spent on services and supports. It is aimed at providing services to families to complement family resources. Adults on all islands are the highest priority, followed by individuals on the neighbor islands (both adults and children). Following these priorities have resulted in a request list of 43 children on Oahu only, many of whom have received other Developmental Disabilities Division services. 15 of these 43 have received Medicaid waiver services, 11 have received PICL services, and 1 has received both Medicaid waiver and PICL services, in FY '07.

There is a total of 76 individuals currently in the FSSP, with \$75,000 allocated in the DDD budget for this program. The majority of FSSP requests are for diapers (46 individuals). Examples of services/supports requested include adaptive equipment, chore services, limited modification to home and vehicle, training and education services, limited transportation services, supplies not covered under family's health insurance, and adaptive supplies.

### **Summary**

Due to the 2005 settlement and release agreement with the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, the Department processes all applicants for the Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver, and has not maintained any waitlist for Waiver services. Fully funding the Waiver by admitting all those eligible for Waiver services, has led to an increase of 216 new admissions in FY '07 (State match total = \$40,560,415, Federal match total = \$55,702,585, Total = \$96,263,000).

There are no waitlists for our purchase of service non-mandated services amounting to \$2,400,000.

The DOH Respite request list is not a waitlist (\$200,000 available for DDD under the DOH Respite program). Individuals on the request list who are also eligible for Waiver services are referred over to the Medicaid waiver where respite services are also available along with its matching Federal funds. Others who are not eligible for Medicaid waiver receive DOH Respite services.

Family Support Services Program is a small program with only \$75,000 allocated in the DDD budget. Servicing adults on all islands and adults and children on the neighbor islands first has created a small request list of about 43 children on Oahu. However, 27 of the 43 have received other services through the Waiver or PICL.