

Developmental Disabilities Coalition

Supporting people with developmental disabilities in their communities throughout Maryland

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5 Year Developmental Disabilities Family & Community Supports Initiative

DDA reports that as of July 1, 2007, there are 16,356 children and adults and their families on the DDA Waiting List requesting a total of 29,532 community services: family support, transition services, employment programs, and community day and residential supports. Thirty-nine percent (39%) of the services requested are in the two crisis categories (crisis resolution/crisis prevention), as determined by DDA.

In addition, there are unexpected crisis/emergencies that occur throughout the year. These are often people who are not on the Waiting List as when a 90 year-old parent dies, leaving their 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. It is not infrequent that a person who started on the Waiting List ten years ago escalates to a crisis/emergency after years of no services.

From FY 2003 – FY 2007, there has been no substantial new funding for people on the DDA Community Services Waiting List, with the exception of funding for TYI and Waiting List Equity Fund. As a result, the Waiting List has grown from 8,000 to over 16,000 children and adults and their families.

The Developmental Disabilities Coalition requests a Five-Year Initiative to meet the crisis, current and future needs of these children and adults. (Attached)

The funding needed JUST to address the needs of the 39% of persons on the Waiting List in the Crisis Categories plus the annually funded Transitioning Youth Initiative is:

	<u>FY 08</u>	<u>FY 09</u>	<u>FY 10</u>	<u>FY 11</u>	<u>FY 12</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Funds	\$19.57M	\$40.38M	\$42M	\$43.68M	\$45.49	\$193M

(Includes FFP Match, Annual 4% COLA, and Full Funding for TYI)

Maryland is recognized as a leader among states for its progressive developmental disabilities public policy. Maryland is the 3RD wealthiest state in the nation. Despite Maryland's wealth, the state ranks 44th in the nation in the amount of money it devotes to services to support persons with developmental disabilities. * Only seven states rank lower: Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, Texas, and Virginia. Maryland would need to make a long-term commitment to grow its community and family supports system over 10 years (with annual 7% increases) just to catch up with the *average* state.

Every county has someone on the Waiting List. Attached are:

- County-by County Waiting List Figures With 3-Year Growth
- DDA Waiting List Categories

*(*Based on 2004 data, State of the States in Developmental Disabilities by David Braddock et al.)*

16,356 People on the DDA Waiting List

	YEAR 2004	YEAR 2007	Numeric Increase/Decrease	Percentage Increase/Decrease
Allegany:	111	170	59	53%
Anne Arundel:	670	1,085	415	62%
Baltimore City:	1,541	1,962	421	27%
Baltimore:	1,336	2,444	1108	83%
Calvert:	232	395	163	70%
Caroline:	59	115	56	95%
Carroll:	223	306	83	37%
Cecil:	97	223	126	130%
Charles:	516	932	416	81%
Dorchester:	40	66	26	65%
Frederick:	282	542	260	92%
Garrett:	46	73	27	59%
Harford:	334	564	230	69%
Howard:	409	688	279	68%
Kent:	28	59	31	111%
Montgomery:	1,715	2,620	905	53%
Prince George's	1,263	2,611	1348	107%
Queen Anne's:	35	95	60	171%
Somerset:	41	63	22	54%
St. Mary's:	196	447	251	128%
Talbot:	69	101	32	46%
Washington:	247	363	116	46%
Wicomico:	137	240	103	75%
Worcester:	70	168	98	104%
Out of State		24	24	0%
TOTAL	13,162	16,356	3,194	24%

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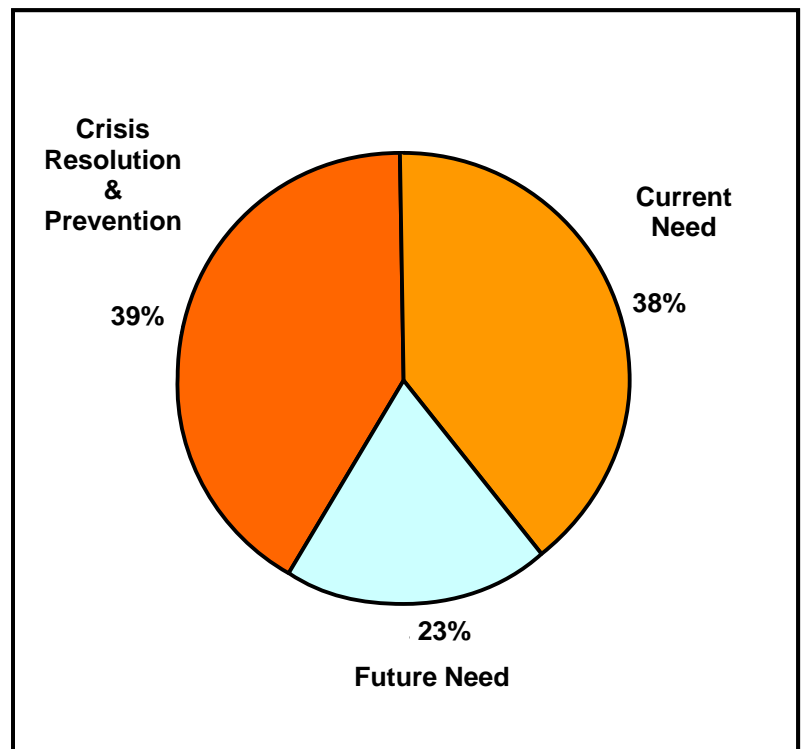
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DDA Community Services Waiting List

July 2007

16,356 individuals requesting
29,532 services

- **39%** of services needed are for Crisis Resolution and Crisis Prevention (**11,626**, service requests)
- **38%** of requested services are for Current Needs (**11,174** service requests)
- **23%** of requested services are for Future Need (**6,732** service requests)



77% of services are needed now

- The number of people on the WL for Community Services **grew by 450 children and adults between May 2006 and July 1, 2007.**
- There are people in every county on the Community Services Waiting List.