

# BUDGET ISSUES

The Fair Shake Network urges the Legislature to maintain or increase funding for programs and services that allow people with disabilities to live in their own homes, work, and fully participate in their communities. All of these programs help to keep people with disabilities from going into nursing homes or other costly institutions.

## **Aged and Disabled Waiver**

Services to help people with disabilities and the elderly stay at home instead of going to a nursing home. As of 9-30-2020 there were **7,026** people on the AD Waiver and **48** on the waiting list. **125 people died on the waiting list** in FY 2020.

## **Employment Attendant Care Program**

Attendant care services such as physical assistance with personal care tasks, getting in and out of bed, meal preparation and eating, and transportation to secure or maintain competitive employment in the community and economic independence. There were **8** people on the program in 2020, at an average cost \$11,604 per year.

## **Extended Supported Employment Services**

Provides job coaching services to help adults with disabilities maintain competitive employment in the community after federal funds are exhausted. **34** people were served in FY 2020 at an average cost of \$2,265 helping them keep jobs and be tax payers.

## **Family Support**

Family Support helps families with a member who has a developmental disability access appropriate government and community programs; provides services including medical related, attendant care, adaptive equipment, environmental accessibility, housing maintenance, essential wellbeing, transportation, therapy & training, and integrated activities; and provides networking and support services that help families stay together. **840** families were served in FY 2020 across all 55 counties at an average cost of \$363 per family.

## **Independent Living Services**

IL Services funding is used for the Community Living Services Program (CLSP) for home or vehicle modifications, purchase of equipment and devices, and other services that enable people with disabilities to maintain their independence and avoid placement in nursing homes and other institutional settings at an **average cost of \$2,901** per person – as compared to \$128,480 per year for nursing home care. This program served **111** people in FY 2020, **58** people were transitioned or diverted from nursing homes & there are **481 people on the waiting list** as of 6-30-2020.

## **Intellectual/Developmental Disability Waiver**

Services and supports to help people with intellectual disabilities be more independent and to live with their families or in their own homes. There are **5,964** people on the IDD Waiver and **210 on the waiting list** as of 9-30-2020, **4** of whom are currently in an institutional setting. The longest time on the waiting list was 525 days, as of 9-30-2020, and **15 people died on the waiting list** in FY 2020.

## **Ron Yost Personal Assistance Services Program**

Personal assistance services (PAS) to help people with all types of disabilities, who are not eligible for PAS through Medicaid. Recipients hire their own workers, and are reimbursed on a sliding scale based on income, to provide assistance with tasks that enable them to remain in their homes and participate in their communities, rather than going into a nursing home or other institution. In FY 2020 a total of **16** individuals received reimbursements from the RYPAS program at an average annual cost of \$13,917 per person. There are currently **12** people on the program and **5 people on the waiting list**.

## **Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver**

Services to individuals with traumatic brain injuries to help them stay at home instead of going into an institution. There were **78** people on the TBI Waiver and **none on the waiting list** as of 9-30-2020.

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