

# 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 institutions.

## **Aged and Disabled Waiver**

Services to help people with disabilities and the elderly stay at home instead of going to a nursing home. There are 5,395 people on the AD Waiver and **608 on the waiting list**. **114 people died on the waiting list** in 2017.

## **Birth-to-Three Program**

Services and supports for children age 3 or younger (and their families) who have, or are at risk of having a developmental delay. Birth to Three assures that family-centered, community-based services are available for children with cognitive, physical, social/emotional, adaptive, or communication delays to enhance development and minimize the delays.

## **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 economic independence. There are 10 people on the program and **2 people on the waiting list**.

## **Extended Supported Employment Services**

Provides job coaching services to help adults with disabilities maintain competitive employment in the community after federal funds are exhausted. This program served 61 people in 2017 to help them keep jobs and be tax payers.

## **Family Support**

Family Support helps families identify and apply for appropriate government and community programs; provides funding for goods, services, or home modifications not covered by Medicaid; and provides networking and support services that help families stay together. The funding for Family Support was cut by 75% for FY 2015 and has not been restored. 618 families were served in 2017.

## **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 \$2,966 per person – as compared to \$100,375 per year for nursing home care. This program served 143 people in FY 2017, 45 people were transitioned or diverted from nursing homes & there are **579 people on the waiting list**.

## **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 4,549 people on the IDD Waiver and **1,278 on the waiting list** as of 9-30-17, 31 of whom are currently in an institutional setting. The longest time on the waiting list is 1,521 days and **9 people died on the waiting list** in 2017.

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

Personal assistance services to help people with all types of disabilities, who are not eligible for 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. There are 10 people on the program and **6 people on the waiting list**.

## **Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver**

Services to people with traumatic brain injuries to help them stay at home instead of going into an institution. There are 62 people on the TBI Waiver and there are **15 people on the waiting list**.

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