

Governor's Recommended Budget Agency Priority Issues for FY 2019-20

Priority 1 – Serve Additional Clients on Waiting List

- \$40.4 million (\$15.8 million GR and \$24.6 million TF)
- Request to offer Waiver enrollment to over 1,800 individuals in the Waiver waiting list Crisis Category who are either homeless, have lost a caregiver or are a danger to themselves

Priority 2 – Increase Employment Opportunities for Clients

- \$1 million (\$750,000 GR and \$250,000 TF)
- Request to provide supported employment services to gain employment or paid internships for clients and to increase the number of employers providing opportunities to clients

Priority 3 – Funds for FY 2017-18 Certified Forward Expenditures

- \$22 million GR – Back of the Bill Section 33
- Funds to be appropriated in FY 2018-19 to support FY 2017-18 Waiver certified forward expenditures paid from FY 2018-19 appropriations

Priority 4 – Provide More Oversight of Waiver Clients with Behavioral Issues

- Transfer 7 positions and \$663,600 of budget authority between budget entities
- Request to create additional Agency behavior analyst positions to ensure proper delivery of behavioral services

Priority 5 – iConnect (formerly Client Data Management System)

- \$3.5 million (\$0.9 million GR and \$2.6 million TF)
- Request to continue implementation of the system
- The system will provide centralized client records and an electronic visit verification component which is critical for reducing billing errors and possible fraud

Priority 6 – Continue to Improve Security of Client Data

- \$848,000 (\$528,760 GR and \$319,240 TF)
- Request to continue licenses for security software and security staff
- Request to update the Agency's Information Security Risk Assessment as required by statute

Priority 7 – Enhance Nursing Services for Clients

- \$818,000 (\$320,329 GR and \$497,671 TF)
- Request to contract for additional nurses at the Tacachale Center in Gainesville

Priority 8 – Continue Development of New Client Assessment Tool

- \$172,000 (\$86,000 GR and \$86,000 TF)
- Request to perform a reliability and validity evaluation of the new assessment tool for determining client service needs