Support the iBudget Home and Community Based Services Waiver

It is essential to fund the growth of the iBudget waiver and to fund services to transition individuals off the iBudget waitlist.

BACKGROUND

The Individual Budgeting Home and Community Based Services Waiver administered by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) offers supports and services to assist over 34,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) live in the community by ensuring that their health and safety needs are met. In addition, services are provided to improve access to their community and a meaningful life. There are 21,471 individuals on the waitlist for waiver services as of July 2018.

ISSUE

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities continues to address the needs of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are already on the program and are requiring more services. Changes that have led to growth include aging family caregivers and youth who are transitioning out of school and out of the Medicaid State Plan for children. There are also individuals who need services for crisis situations that must be addressed immediately.

This year the Council will advocate for funding to take care of the APD budget growth for existing waiver recipients and funding for those on the waitlist in high priority categories. Last year these budget items were not addressed at all.

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