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Health & Human Services

Developmental Disabilities Program Purpose



The purpose of the Developmental Disabilities Section is to administer the delivery of a variety of services to children and adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their families.

These services are designed to maximize community inclusion, independence and self-sufficiency to prevent institutionalization, and enable individuals to transition from institutions to community living.

Developmental Disabilities programs and services help people with developmental disabilities grow and thrive in their home community



Program Management

Provides information, referral and support to eligible individuals so they can access services and achieve their outcomes.



Intermediate Care Facilities

Residential facility that provides health or rehabilitative services for individuals who require active treatment.



Early Intervention

Services in a family's home, teaching parents' hands-on activities that they can do with their child (birth through age 2) to promote child development.



Corporate Guardianship

Support vulnerable individuals 18 years and older who need assistance making life choices.

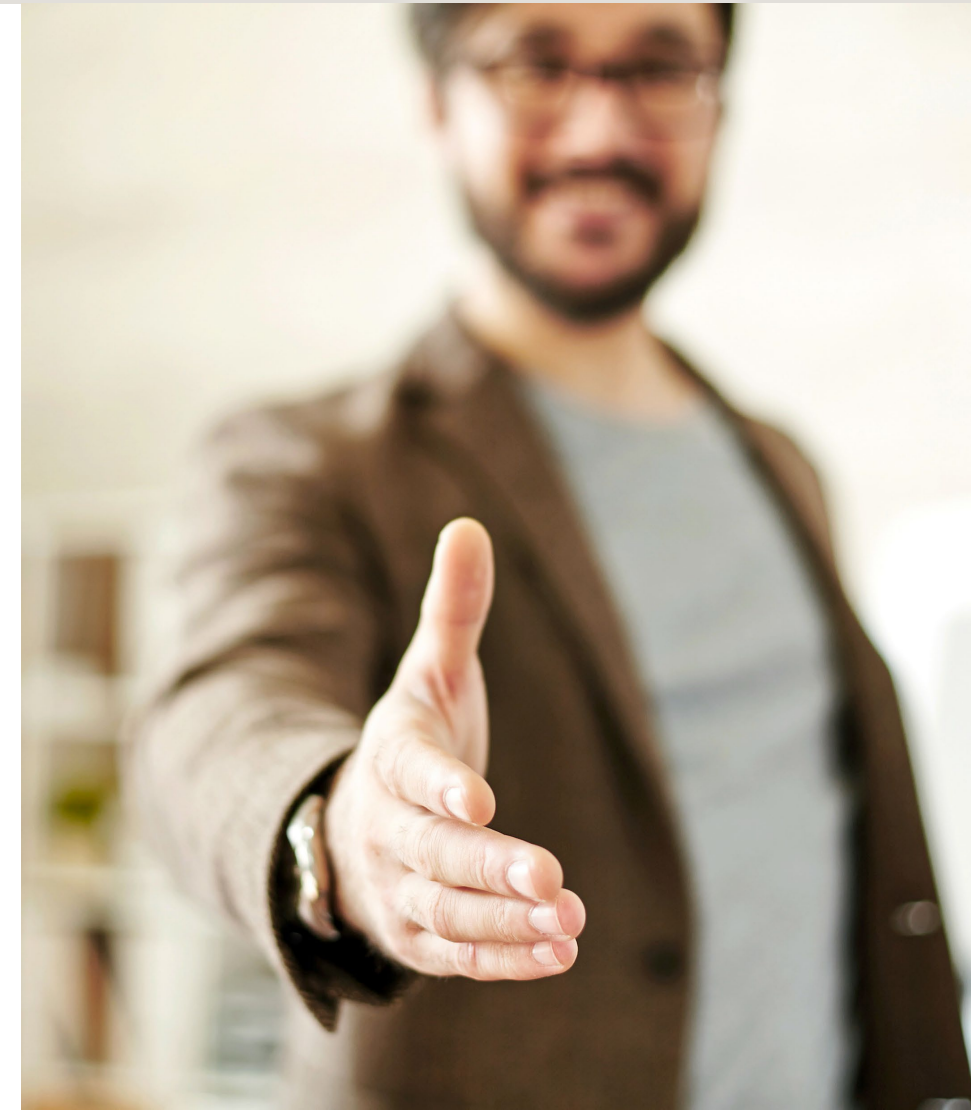
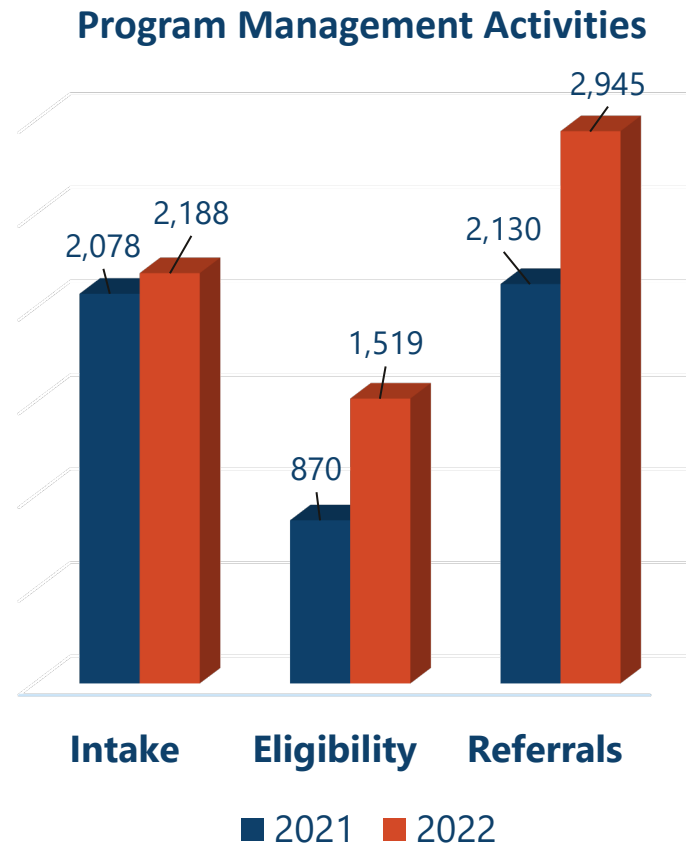


Home and Community Based Waiver Services

Provides individuals the opportunity to receive services in their own home and community rather than an institution.

Developmental Disabilities Program Management (DDPM) is a foundation of the state's system of care

- Assist clients, families, and guardians navigate the system of services available.
- Focus is to help clients stay healthy and safe and achieve their goals.
- Approximately 110 DD program managers located throughout the state.



DDPMs are the gateway to services for thousands of North Dakotans with disabilities



21-22 legislative study (known as the Alvarez Report, overseen by legislative management, authorized in SB2256) provided in part, the following comments & recommendations for program management:

- Current utilization of temporary employees to comply with the ratio creates risk of overturn, disrupting continuity of relationships and knowledge base for people and families.
- Recommends re-examining current caseload as the caseload was established when people were receiving residential and day services in larger congregate settings.

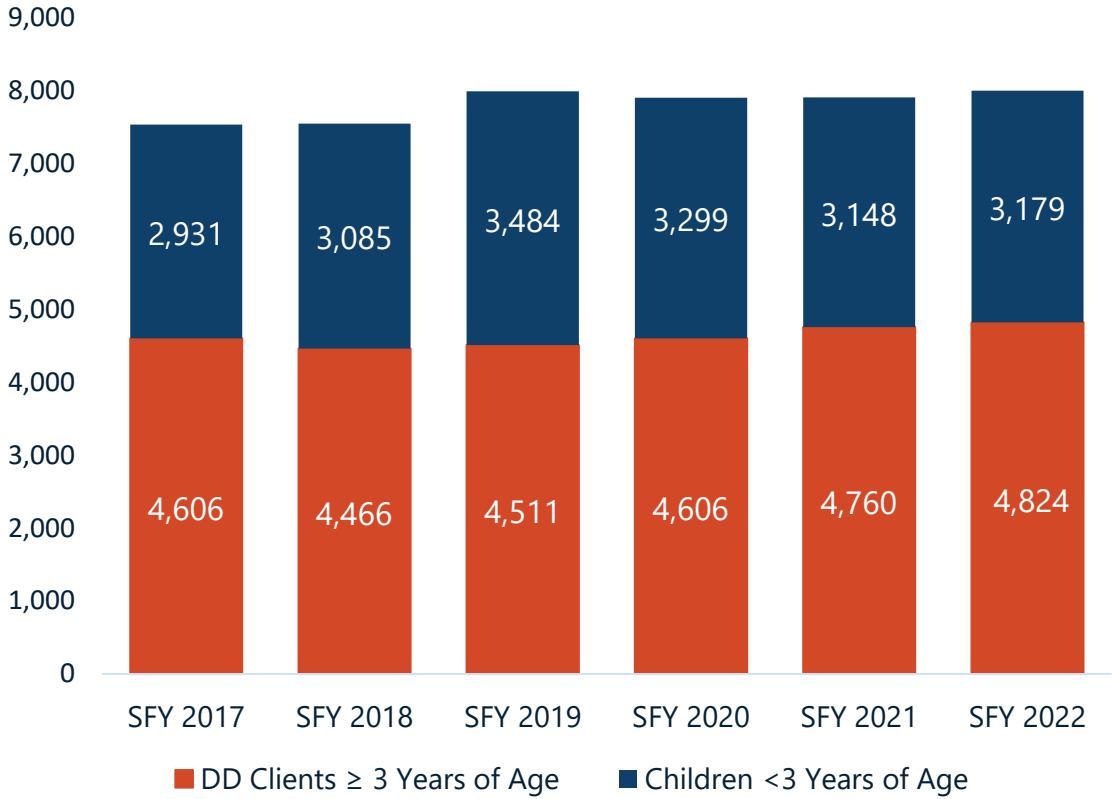
Full report can be viewed here: https://ndlegis.gov/files/committees/67-2021/23_5168_03000_appendixf.pdf



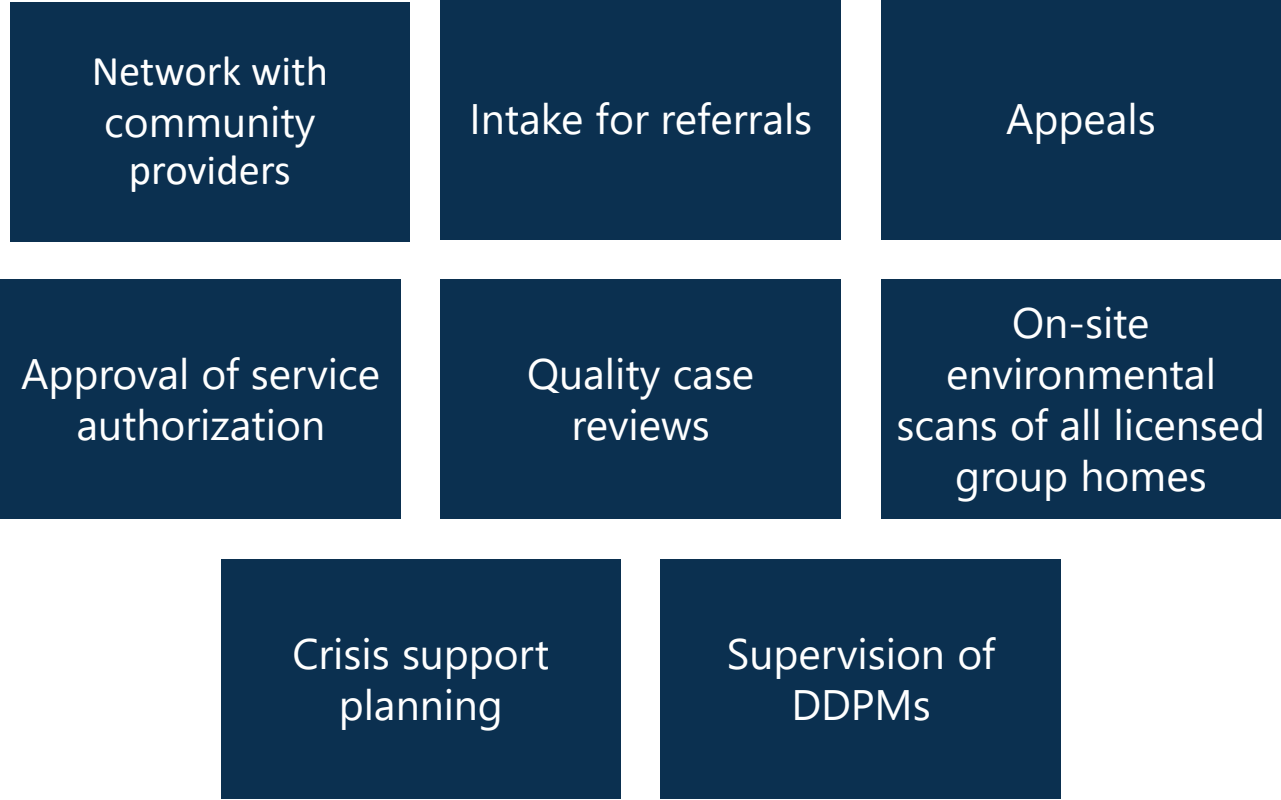
NDAC establishes
expectation for DDPM
caseload ratio of 1:60

Developmental Disabilities Program Managers served almost 8,000 children and adults in SFY22

Unduplicated Count of Clients Receiving DD Program Management Services



DD Program Administrators serve as a critical connector between providers, guardians, DD program managers and compliance staff



The Developmental Disabilities program administration team helps make delivery of services possible by serving as the state's primary liaison to the federal funder

Administration

- Provider licensing
- Provider enrollment
- Technical assistance
- Policy development
- Contract management
- Waiver administration
- Service authorization
- Guardianship
- Appeals

Program Integrity

- Quality assurance
 - Council on Quality Leadership (CQL)
 - National Core Indicators (NCI)
 - Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Survey
- Regulatory compliance
- Provider audits
- Case reviews
- Federal & State Audits

Partnerships

- Community Providers
- North Dakota Interagency Coordinating Council
- State Rehabilitation Council
- Transition Task Force
- Money Follows the Person

Early Intervention is often a family's very first opportunity to interact with support services that are specially designed to help their child thrive



Early Intervention Services are offered to children **birth to age three** who have a **high-risk condition** or a **developmental delay**.

Funding provided through:
Medicaid 1915(c)
Traditional IID/DD Home Based Services Waiver
Office of Special Education Part C of Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA)

Right Track

5,936 visits

Oct 2021 – Sept 2023

- ✓ “Child find” program that helps identify infants and toddlers who may be at risk for developmental delays.
- ✓ Free developmental screenings provide ongoing monitoring and support to families who want more information and support about the child’s development.

Infant Development

- ✓ Family-focused service that provides information, support and training to assist the primary caregiver(s) in maximizing the child's development utilizing a parent-coaching model

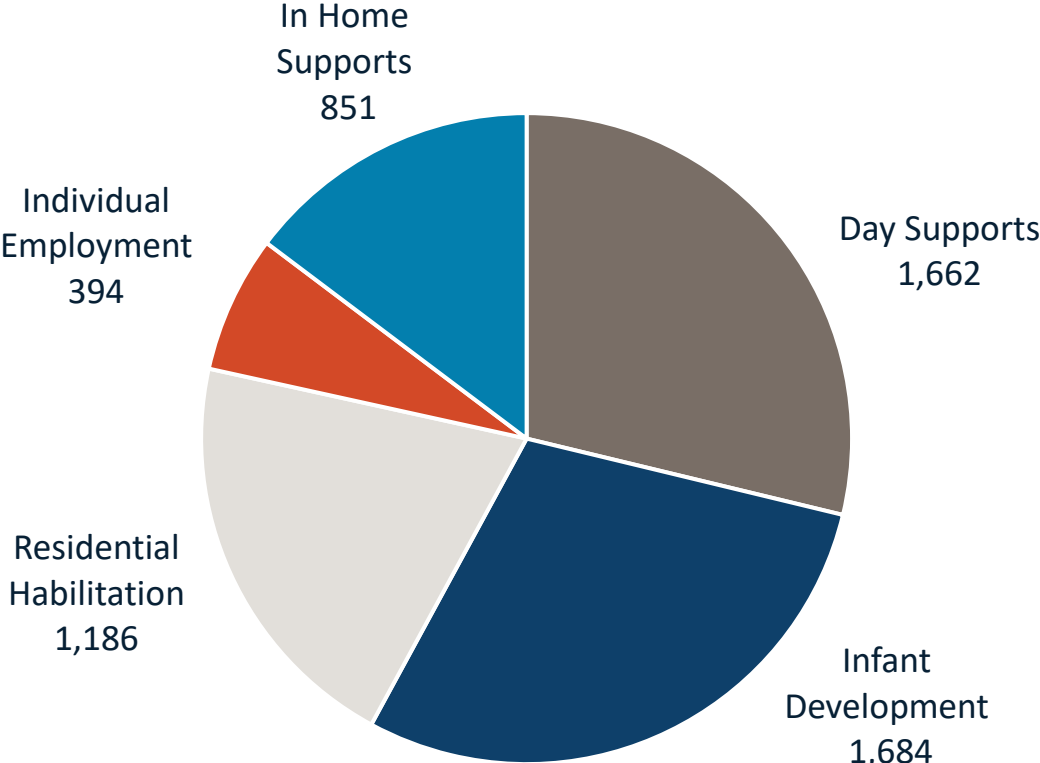
The Medicaid 1915(c) Traditional ID/DD Home and Community Based Services Waiver (aka "DD Waiver") has approximately 5,700 people enrolled in waiver services.

The DD waiver:

- Serves individuals throughout their life span
- Offers a variety of services that are based on the person's needs and preferences

Private licensed provider agencies support people receiving DD Waiver services.

Staff at these provider agencies are crucial to the delivery of services as they help people learn, improve and keep skills necessary to remain in their community.



Types of Support Services available via the ID/DD Home and Community Based Services Waiver

- Day Habilitation
- Homemaker
- Independent Habilitation
- Residential Habilitation
- Individual Employment Support
- Prevocational Services
- Small Group Employment Support
- Extended Home Health Care
- Adult Foster Care
- Environmental Modification*
- Behavioral Consultation*
- Equipment and Supplies*
- Family Care Option
- In Home Supports*
- Infant Development
- Parenting Support
- Community Transition Services

* *Self-directed services*

Guardianship Services are an essential resource for individuals with developmental disabilities



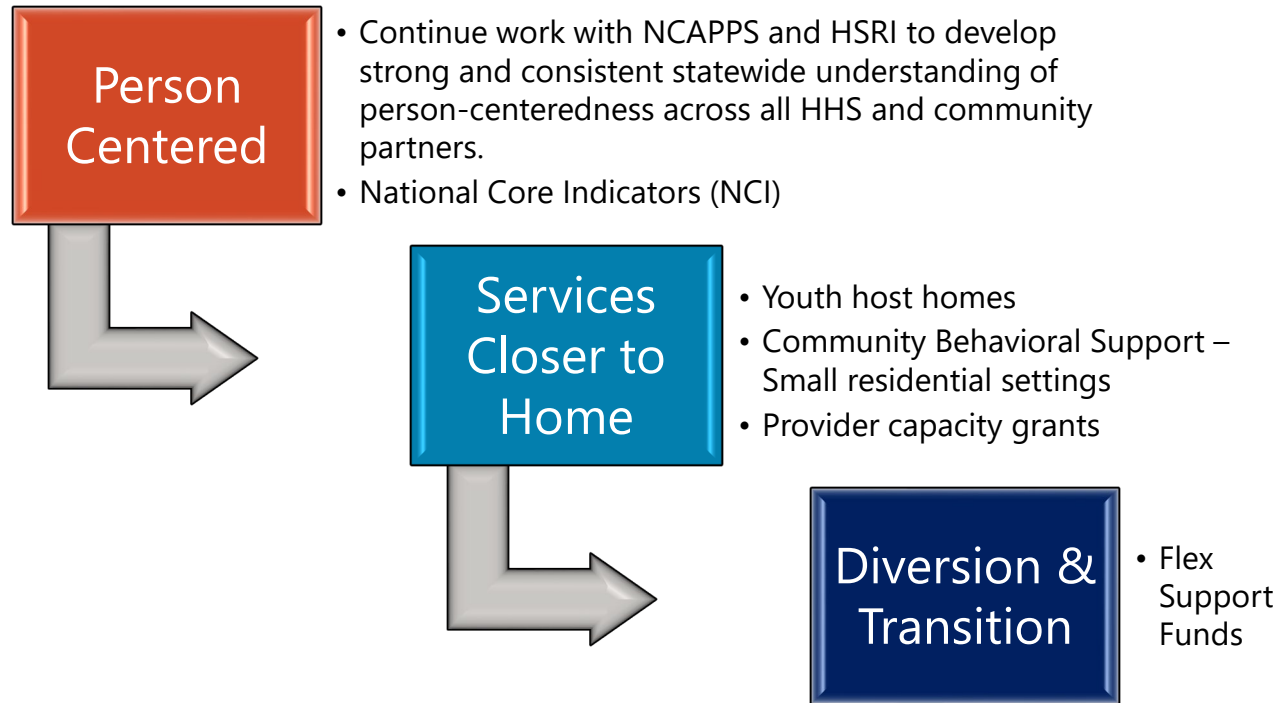
Corporate Guardianship – Catholic Charities North Dakota

- Provides guardianship services for individuals who have intellectual disabilities who are 18 years of age or older.
- All referrals must come directly from the DD Program Manager.
- Contracted to serve 509 people - wait list of 107.
- 23/25 budget request is \$3,679,797, which includes a rate increase but no increase in the number of people served.

NEW REQUEST - Guardianship Establishment Fund

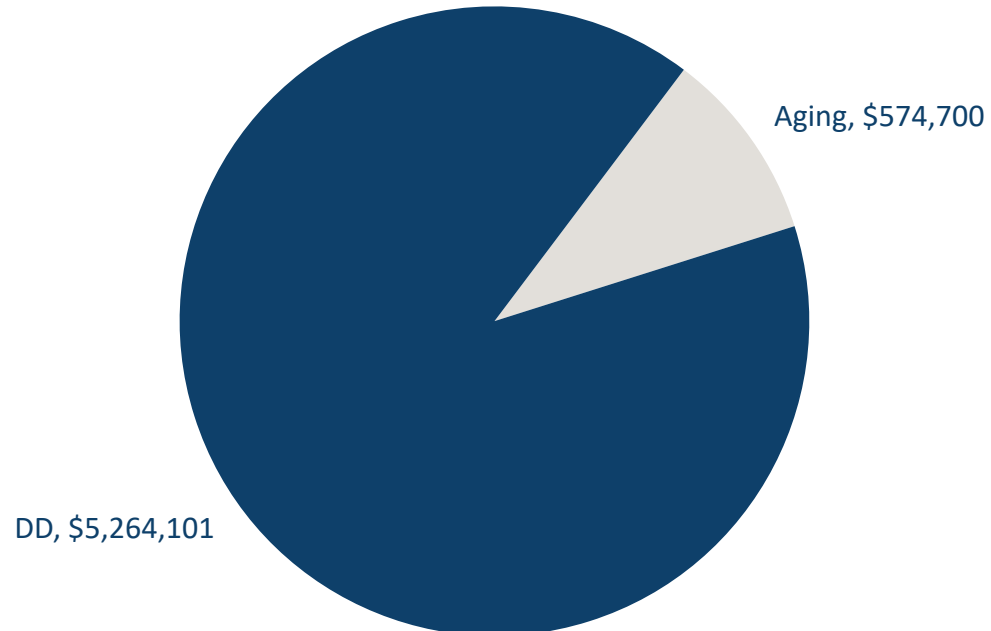
- Provides an alternative to corporate guardianship.
- Funds to cover petitioning costs for up to 100 eligible adults
- Max petitioning cost per person \$3,000

Improving the Lives of North Dakotans



American Rescue Plan Spending – Workforce Development – Agency

Agency Retention & Recruitment



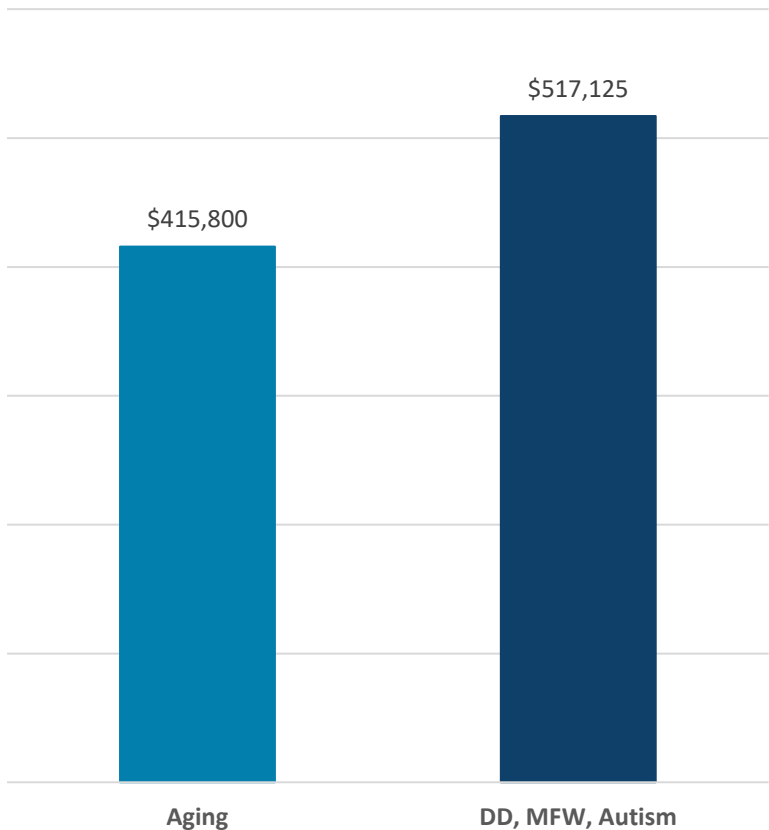
In an effort to stabilize and strengthen the network of direct caregivers who work in home and community-based services, HHS offered providers the opportunity to provide retention and recruitment incentives to eligible employees.

Participating providers

- *Retention* (up to \$2100/employee):
 - 33 Aging
 - 28 DD
- *Recruitment* (up to \$750/employee):
 - 18 Aging
 - 21 DD

American Rescue Plan Spending – Workforce Development (Non-Agency)

Non Agency Retention Incentives



Non-agency direct caregivers who provide services to home and community-based services clients are eligible to receive the retention incentive of up to \$2100/employee.

- **353 - Self-directed** (DD, MFW & Autism)
- **398 - Individual QSPs** (HCBS Aging)

Developmental Disabilities: Overview of budget changes

Description	2021 - 2023 Budget Base	Increase/ (Decrease)	2023 - 2025 Executive Budget
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 23,102,938	\$ 3,133,221	\$ 26,236,159
Operating	8,686,711	2,256,593	10,943,304
IT Services	2,743	104,107	106,850
Capital Asset Expense	-	-	-
Capital Assets	10,000	-	10,000
Grants	716,917,931	17,625,633	734,543,564
Total	\$ 748,720,323	\$ 23,119,554	\$ 771,839,877

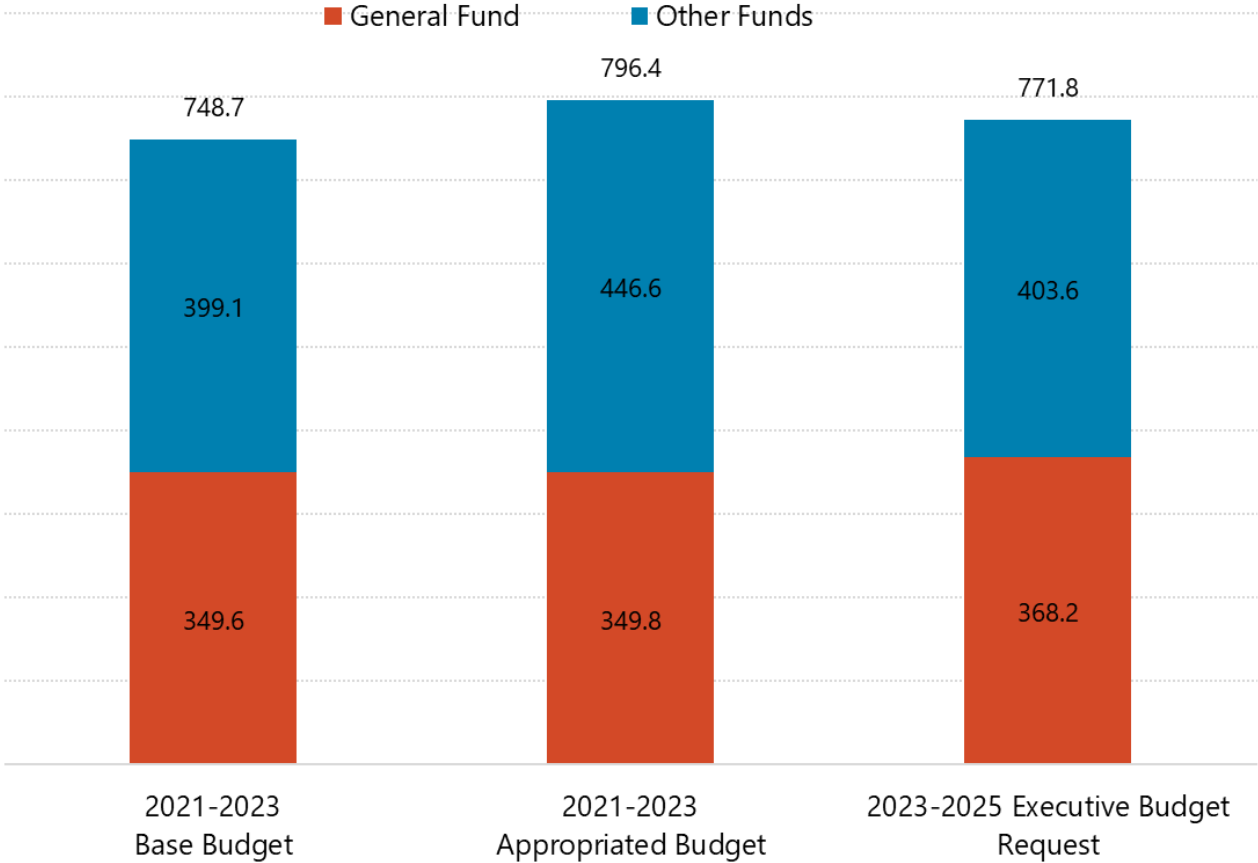
General Fund	\$ 349,648,645	\$ 18,598,723	\$ 368,247,368
Federal Funds	399,071,678	4,520,831	403,592,509
Other Funds	-	-	-
Total Funds	\$ 748,720,323	\$ 23,119,554	\$ 771,839,877

Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	127.12	4.00	131.12
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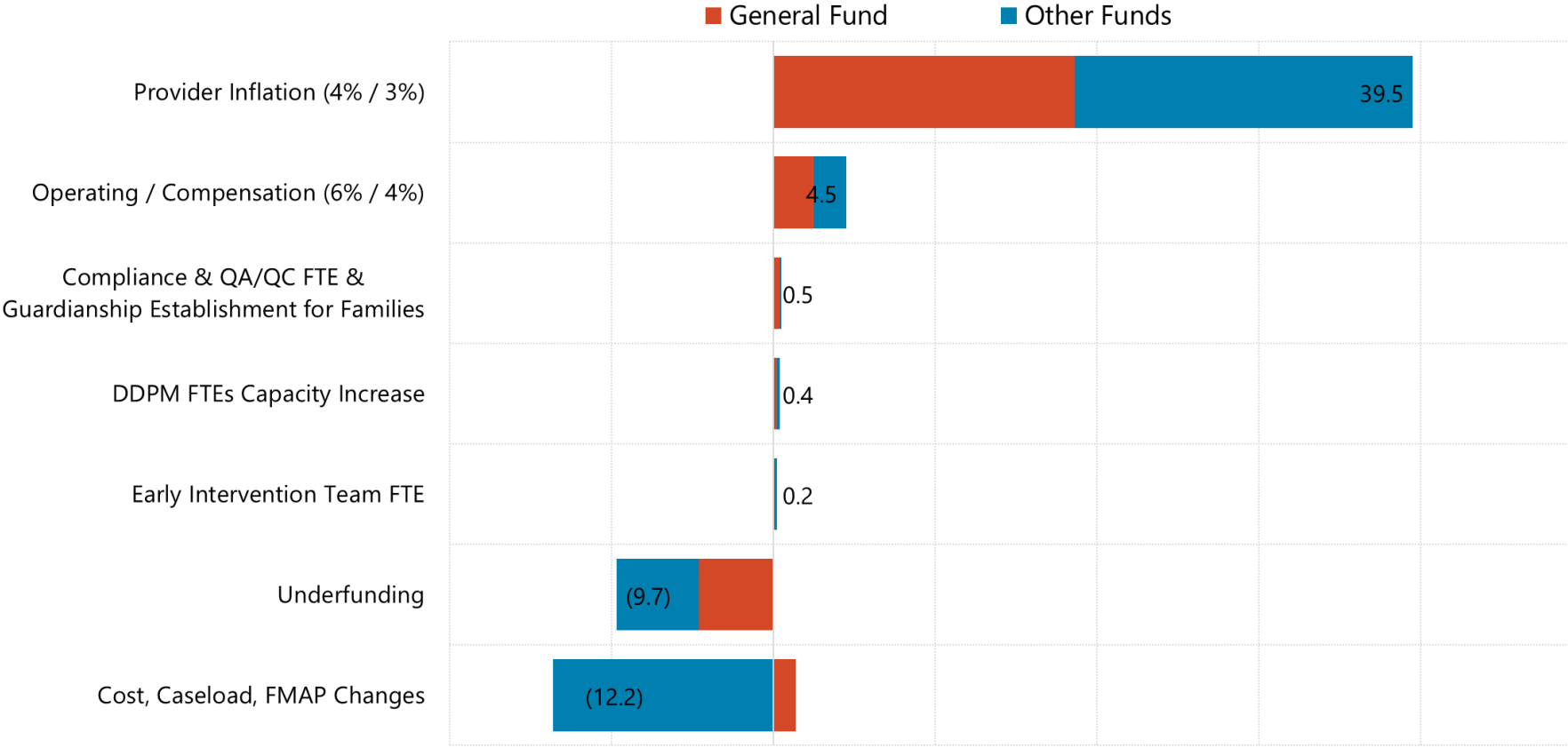
Overview of budget changes (IN MILLIONS)

Increase from Base to Executive Budget Recommendation **\$23.1 million**

- DD Grants services and contract Grants increase of \$17.6M
- Increase in salaries and benefits of \$3.1M
- Increase in operating/IT costs of \$2.4M



Overview of budget changes (IN MILLIONS)



Summary and key takeaways

- The **DD** service delivery system **continues** to grow.
- It is **important** that we **continue to develop new service** options that will support **clients' needs** to ensure they can remain in their communities.
- It will take **investments** in the **workforce, infrastructure** and **all of us working together** to make this happen.





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