

Presentation to Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Planning for Aging and Disability Issues



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Who are we?



What have we been doing?

- Hamilton House - Adult Family Home
- Implementing SSB 5672
- WA State Father's Network
- State-Wide Task Force
- Legislative Interactions

Summary: Working locally and State-wide to improve support and residential options for those with Developmental Disabilities



WA State Status

Washington State is **41st among all States** in its funding of services for people with developmental disabilities

National Ranking (examples):

- New York – 1st
- Maine – 2nd
- Oregon 22nd
- Montana 26th
- Idaho -27th
- Mississippi – 31st



Cite: The State of the States in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: 2017,
11th Edition, University of Colorado

Our Perspective



Current State Approach to Residential Services

- Assume parents will keep their loved one at home indefinitely
- Strong focus on Institutions (RHC's) to State Supported Living Arrangements (SOLA's)
- Acknowledgement of the need for additional residential options

Consequences

Current State Approach to Residential Services

- Late intervention leads to a crisis that is traumatic for both families and individuals
- Focus - primarily on moving people from RHC's with much less attention going to those with DD in the community who need other residential options and services
- Lack of supply of residential options



Summary of Facts

- In Washington State - 13,000 adults with developmental disabilities living with Parents/Family
- We are NOT prepared – To support this population to live in their community when their parents are gone
- Funding, caregiver numbers, or provider capacity – NOT adequate to support those with developmental disabilities
- This IS a CRISIS NOW – Situation will only WORSEN over the next few years



Residential Distribution

- ≈ 26,000 adults with developmental disabilities on the DDA caseload
- ≈ 50% live at home with parents and 50% live outside the home.
- Basic outside home options:
 - RHC's
 - SOLAS
 - Supported Living Homes
 - Adult Family Homes
 - Companion Living Homes
 - Relatives Homes
 - Independent Living
- **ASSUME**
 - Most living at home will need a residential option at some point in their lives
 - Distributed in a similar pattern as those currently living outside the home



Present

State Support for Housing Types

Housing Type	Estimated State Day Rate/Person (Averages)
Residential Habitation Center (RHC)	\$912
State Operated Living Arrangement (SOLA)	\$566
Supported Living (SL)	\$395
Companion Homes	\$186
Adult Family Homes (AFH)	\$95
Independent Living	Est \$65
Parents/Family	Est \$65

- Our knowledge is that current state funding doesn't adequately support services in SL and AFH's and Companion Homes are under utilized.
- Data from 2018 Charts/Data – Working in Harmony for DDA Services and Supports
- Analysis by Lee Springgate, Jefferson County Father's Group

Realities of Housing Needs – Our Forecast

<u>Residential Service Type</u> 13,000 distributed by % to different residential option	% needing service type (Estimated)	# of people distributed into service (Estimated)	Ultimate Costs to Provide/year (Estimated)	Total NEW housing service sites needed (Estimated)
Residential Habitation Center (RHC)	0.5%	623	\$207M	300 new spaces – Note: State strategy is to significantly reduce #'s in RHC's
State Operated Living Alternatives (SOLA)	1.0%	164	\$34M	82 new sites - 2/home
Supported Living (SL)	29%	3,954	\$561M	1,317 new sites– 3/home
Companion Homes	NA	NA	NA	NA
AFH – Note: costs shown are not adequate to fully support	13%	1,560	\$70M	260 new licensed sites– 6/home
Relatives Homes	9%	1,170	\$43M	1,770 sites
Independent Living	41%	5,330	\$109M	1,520 sites
Totals		12,617	\$954M	4,973 total new service sites

The Caregiving Conundrum

- **Fact** – extensive need - Caregivers for DD Community: serious shortage exists
- **Need** – Coordinated effort across all interests on how to solve lack of caregivers
- **Adequate compensation, including benefits** – Likely part of the solution
- **Potential** – Employment increase potential for Washington State
- **Fact** – Stability for those with developmental disabilities is critical, and that includes stability in their caregivers
- **Fact** – It costs a huge amount to replace a caregiver who leaves



Impact on State of Encouraging/Supporting Appropriate DD Housing

- Assumptions:
 - 5% living at home/yr (650) move to other housing – Est. 264 new housing units/yr
 - \$2,000/month - facility cost
 - Increase in caregiver hourly wages in order to obtain/keep caregivers (Est. \$22/hr or \$20M more needed by State/yr)
 - Assume Medicaid continues to pick up +/- 50%
 - Assume mortality rate = new entrant by 2040
 - Assumes static rate of in-migration and caseload



Estimated Fiscal State Impact

For those living at home moving to new residential option

Total Cost To Serve 650 Persons Annual	\$48 million per year
Total Cost To Provide Actual Housing Units	\$6 million per year
Total Cost To Adjust Caregiver Compensation	\$26 million per year
Total Aggregate Annual Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$80 million per year in addition to current level of funding• Climbing to about \$1.6 billion per year at year 20
Net State Annual Expense	\$33 million per year (\$80 million, less Medicaid match and less \$ currently spent on those living at home)
Total Estimated State Cost in 20 years	\$660 million for those adults currently living at home

* All costs are estimates are based on 2019 costs

Task Force on the DD Funding Crisis

- Formed a Task Force to address the DD Funding Crisis
- Formed Executive Committee
 - Focus on processes to improve funding
 - Re-distribute existing sources
 - Tax rates/sources
 - Initiative
 - Legal
 - Focus on new source
 - Met with Department of Revenue to ID potential revenue sources



Our Requests

- **Caseload Forecasting** – commitment to on-going forecasting and develop a Strategic Plan to address needs
- **Funding** – commitment to fund forecasted needs- move Washington up from 41st in the Nation
- **Caregivers** – develop a plan to retain and recruit caregivers
- **Provider Capacity** – develop a plan to develop various residential placements and build provider capacity





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