

The Arc of New Jersey's budget request for the Division of Developmental Disabilities, Fiscal Year 2013

New Jersey's programs and services for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities have been dangerously underfunded for several years and services are now limited to only those deemed an "emergency." Our developmental disabilities service system was precarious before the financial crisis and has been decimated by the recession. In fact, New Jersey inflation-adjusted developmental disabilities spending during 2006-2009 decreased by 7% as compared with a national average 3% increase in inflation-adjusted spending. The following data, the most recent available, illustrates the dire circumstances that the developmental disabilities service system is facing in New Jersey. During 2006-2009, the State of New Jersey was:

- One of 19 states that reduced total inflation-adjusted spending.
- One of 11 states that saw reductions in supported living/personal assistance spending.
- One of 23 states that saw a reduction in family support funding.

Despite ranking 3rd in per capita income in a 2010 U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis report, New Jersey currently ranks 40th in the nation in our fiscal effort on community services. At the same time, the demand for services is constantly growing with the number of individuals registering with the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) steadily rising. We cannot wait any longer for funding increases. *We must restore the safety net that our developmental disabilities service system is intended to be!*

Funding for Division of Developmental Disabilities Services

	<u>Total FY 2012 Appropriation*</u>	<u>FY 2012 New Money</u>	<u>The Arc FY2013 Total Budget Request</u>	<u>The Arc FY2013 New Money Request</u>
Family Support	\$40,254,000	\$0	\$51,754,000	\$11,500,000 ¹
Waiting List	\$16,824,000	\$2,143,000	\$35,324,000	\$18,500,000 ²
Olmstead	\$62,711,000	\$15,206,000	\$99,523,000	\$36,812,000 ³
Day Program Age Outs	\$5,886,000	\$2,266,000	\$8,386,000	\$2,500,000
Emergencies	\$25,883,000	\$17,839,000	\$50,883,000	\$25,000,000 ⁴
Major Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
True Cost of Care	\$0	\$0	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000 ⁵

* These are gross amounts; the amount you see is a combination of State funds (both General and Casino Revenue) and Federal dollars.

¹ The Arc of New Jersey requests an additional \$11,500,000 in family support money. According to Dr. David Braddock's *State of the States in Developmental Disabilities: 2011*, family support expenditures in New Jersey averaged approximately \$4,000. We request \$4,000,000 to serve the needs of 1,000 families waiting for family support, and an additional \$7,500,000 in behavioral supports to allow individuals to be served in the community.

² The Arc of New Jersey requests \$18,500,000 to serve the needs of approximately 380 people on the waiting list. This number is based on the HCBS Waiver Cost per Participant data for New Jersey residents provided in Dr. Braddock's *State of the States*.

³ This funding request is based on year two of the DDD's plan to close Vineland Developmental Center, which requires \$36,812,000 to allow 288 individuals to move from developmental centers to community settings.

⁴ This number represents the DDD estimate of the funding necessary to address emergencies.

⁵ This number represents a 3% increase for providers, according to DHS estimates.

All narrative data from: Braddock, Hemp, Rizzolo, Haffer, Tanis and Wu (2011). *The State of the States in Developmental Disabilities*. Department of Psychiatry and Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities, University of Colorado.