

## DDS Waiting List Update\*

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) maintains a residential waiting list for individuals who meet certain criteria. The list has two categories, Emergency and Priority One and is comprised of individuals who need immediate residential placement and individuals who need placement within one year. The Emergency list includes individuals who have no home, or who have an elderly caregiver that is ill or who have behaviors that cannot be managed in their own homes. The Priority One list includes individuals who have a pressing need for services. The waiting list is made up of individuals who currently receive no residential supports and they need supports either in their own home, with their family, with a host family or in a residential setting.

Additionally, DDS maintains a Planning List for individuals who have residential needs and have been assigned either a Priority Two or Three status indicating they want or will need services in two or more years. Their need is not considered urgent, critical or immediate and they are therefore classified as being on the Planning List. Over the years, the department has developed a process for determining whether a person should be placed on the waiting list or planning list. The case manager forwards a request for service and additional information to the Regional Planning and Resource Allocation Teams (PRAT). PRAT ensures that all individuals served by the department are treated fairly and equitably in the allocation of resources. The PRAT teams in each region are comprised of a director from Individual and Family Support, Self-Determination, Private Administration, and Public Services. Collectively, these individuals have significant experience in assessing an individual's urgency of need. The regional PRAT meets at least once a month and reviews each individual's request. Based on the available funding, PRAT determines what supports would be required to meet an individual's needs. Since individuals typically require funding for many years and only a small amount of new funding becomes available in any given year, PRAT must weigh many factors and balance competing funding requests in order to provide appropriate services to the greatest number of individuals.

Another process in determining an individual's needs is the Level of Need (LON) Assessment. The LON helps to identify strengths and challenges that could affect the health and safety of an individual. It also identifies areas of support that may need to be addressed. Each individual is assigned a LON score, which is one of many assessments that the PRAT team considers in determining placement on the Waiting or Planning Lists.

The department also considers other residential needs in addition to the waiting and planning lists. There are individuals who receive residential supports and services but need additional supports and others who are funded by another state agency. Also, there are individuals who live in DDS Campus facilities or Long Term Care settings who wish to move into a community residential home.

In order to keep individuals and families informed, DDS issues a Management Information Report (MIR) quarterly which lists statistical data on the department's services including information on the waiting and planning lists. The MIR can be found on the front page of the department's website at [www.ct.gov/dds](http://www.ct.gov/dds) listed under Featured Links.

The December 2013 MIR, reported the number of people on the waiting and planning lists. The chart below lists the numbers of individuals who receive no residential supports.

<u>Waiting List</u>		<u>Planning List</u>	
Emergency	37	Priority Two	853
Priority One	598	Priority Three	304

\*Source: Direct To Families DDS Newsletter March 2014

**Section II: Service Needs**

**A. Residential Needs – Emergency and Priority One Waiting List**

The tables within this section represent people with active residential needs in the following categories:

Statewide Data			
Waiting List			
	Emerg.	Pri. 1	Total
Home/IL (No Supports)	30	594	624
□YTD	1	4	5

**Waiting List**

This is a group of individuals living either in their own or family home who currently receive no funded residential supports from DDS

Statewide Data			
Other Residential Needs			
DDS Operated/Funded:	Emerg.	Pri. 1	Total
CLAs	2	58	60
CRS	1	15	16
CCH	2	12	14
Indiv Home Supp*	5	206	211
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>301</b>
□YTD	1	36	37
Other State Agencies:	Emerg.	Pri. 1	Total
DMHAS	0	0	0
DOC	0	0	0
DCF/CTO	1	0	1
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Other:	Emerg.	Pri. 1	Total
LTC/ICF/SNF/RCH	1	53	54
Other	4	20	24
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Total w/Sup. &amp; Service</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>380</b>
<b>Change YTD</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>

**Other Residential Needs**

This group of individuals either receives DDS funded residential supports and services and need additional supports or live in institutional settings (DDS Campus facilities or Long Term Care settings) and wish to move to a community residential setting.

**Priority Status**

**Emergency**

The individual has an immediate need for residential placement, support or services.

**Priority One**

The individual/family is requesting placement within 1 year and has been determined to have the most pressing need for services

In addition these individuals belong to one of these target groups:

No Services	No Services/Resources - Individual who is living with their family or independently and does not receive individual supports.
Underserved	Individual who currently receives residential services or supports but needs increased resources in their current placement and does not want or need to move
Olmstead	Individual who resides in a Regional Center, SNF, ICF, Nursery or a Hospital for Special Care who wants to move to a more integrated Residential Setting (as defined by the IDT).

Placements of People on Waiting List By Fiscal Year								
strPlanRegion	Placement Type	FY 12 Plcmts	FY 13 Plcmts	FY 14 Plcmts*	Total Plcmts FY 12-14	Plcmts By Category	Nbr	Pct of Reg Total
NR	CLA	5	4	5	14			
NR	CRS	1	1	5	7			
NR	SNF	0	0	0	0	Structured Settings	21	37%
NR	CTH/CCH	6	3	3	12			
NR	IHS (FAM)	5	6	8	19			
NR	OR	0	0	0	0			
NR	IHS (Own Home)	1	3	1	5	Less Structured Settings	36	63%
NR Subtotal		18	17	22	57			
SR	CLA	13	8	10	31			
SR	CRS	4	6	3	13			
SR	SNF	0	0	0	0	Structured Settings	44	42%
SR	CTH/CCH	0	2	1	3			
SR	IHS (FAM)	4	11	19	34			
SR	OR	0	0	0	0			
SR	IHS (Own Home)	7	14	4	25	Less Structured Settings	62	58%
SR Subtotal		28	41	37	106			
WR	CLA	9	14	11	34			
WR	CRS	2	2	2	6			
WR	SNF	0	1		1	Structured Settings	41	53%
WR	CTH/CCH	0	2	3	5			
WR	IHS (FAM)	3	9	9	21			
WR	OR	1	0	0	1			
WR	IHS (Own Home)	2	5	3	10	Less Structured Settings	37	47%
WR Subtotal		17	33	28	78			
Grand Total		63	91	87	241			

CLA: Community Living Arrangement  
 CRS: Continuous Residential Supports  
 SNF: Skilled Nursing Facility  
 CTH/(CCH): Community Training Home/(Community Companion Home)  
 IHS (FAM) Individualized Home Supports (Family Home)  
 IL: Independent Living  
 OR: Other Residence  
 IHS (Own Home): Individualized Home Supports (Own Home)

\*Source: Department of Developmental Services June 2014

Commissioner Macy's highlights regarding a discussion of waitlists from the June 2014 National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) Directors Forum & Mid-Year Conference:

- Florida – received \$36 million last year and another \$20 million this year but still have 22,000 people on their waitlist. Residential lists currently run over a decade
- Utah – looking at our LON assessment tool – they don't have one. 85% of their waitlist money goes to serving people who are on the top of the list – rest get money for respite. They estimate 1,700 on current list
- Oklahoma has 7,000 on their list – received \$1 million for wait list last year
- Ohio – has list of 44,000 but half not in need of services – their DD Council funded extensive study – copies available
- New Mexico has a 10 year waitlist – 6,200 people. Working on giving eligible people minimal stipends to get them what they really need a minimum of \$3,000. \$70,000 average expenditure
- Missouri – 4,000
- Maryland 8,000
- Louisiana – 11,000 to 12,000
- Texas – estimates 60,000 to 100,000
- South Carolina takes people from the top of the list

\*Source: National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities (NASDDDS) Directors Forum & Mid-Year Conference June 2014