Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Services During COVID-19

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Priorities:

- Keeping people with I/DD safe and healthy
- Supporting families and those providing services to people with I/DD

Studies on adverse outcomes for people with I/DD highlight the need to act quickly
Individuals and Families

COVID-19 resources for individuals and families:

• Medical Rights Fact Sheet
• Animated videos for education and training
• Expanded family supports program
Case Management Entities

- Identifying those most at-risk and following up on back-up plans
- Extended Individual Support Plan (ISP) end dates
- Frequency of monitoring expectations have not changed and may need to be increased during COVID-19
- Virtual teleconferencing and regular check-ins
Supporting Providers

• Offered contingency funding to employment and DSA providers
• Implemented a 10% rate increase for group home providers for three months
• Developed a Staffing Support Team: Reallocates staff at provider agencies to help in areas most needed (Example: employment staff reassigned to residential)
Current Situation

ODDS acted quickly to change policies and issue guidance to support people in services

• Visitor restrictions and other precautions still in place in Phase 1 reopening
• Individuals with I/DD will continue to need to take precautions
• Remote services still in place, with face-to-face allowed to monitor health and safety
Current Situation as of May 25th

COVID-19 cases in residential settings total since March 2020:

**Individuals:**
- 2 in adult foster homes
- 4 in group homes
- 6 in in-home services

**Provider staff:**
- 1 in child foster home
- 4 in adult foster homes
- 10 in group homes
- 7 in in-home services
Current Situation

- Abuse reports have been down for people with I/DD
- Abuse investigations and protective services are still required
- It’s everyone’s job to report suspected abuse or neglect.
- Providers are mandatory reporters

SAFE Hotline: 1-855-503-SAFE (7233)
Looking Ahead

Governor’s Budget Reduction Exercise
For ODDS, equals about $90 million General Fund

-- No decisions made

• Reduced rates for in-home services, group homes, and other services
• Reduce funding for CDDPs/Brokerages
• End several services, including closure of two Stabilization and Crisis Unit homes
• End ‘parental income disregard’ for children who receive in-home services
Looking ahead continued

• Continue issuing guidance to ensure people with I/DD are safe and healthy
• We want to learn from this experience and use ‘lessons learned’ to help improve services and supports in future
• Implement budget actions as directed by the Legislature and Governor’s Office
• Build on creative options for communicating with people with IDD and their families
Questions?
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