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To: I/DD community members, Tribal partners and ODDS staff

From: Anna S. Lansky, Interim Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)

Subject: Senate Bill 91 new web page, funding update and survey results

### **New web resource**

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) created a new resource to share information about the Senate Bill 91 (SB 91) implementation: the [SB 91 web page](#). It includes an implementation timeline, important documents and general information about the project. It will be updated whenever there is new information to share.

### **Funding update**

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) clarified the state general fund appropriation toward this program. SB 91 provided an allocation of \$3 million general fund for 12 months assuming the program would be implemented in the second year of the 23-25 biennium (around July 2024).

That means that for the following 2025–27 biennium, \$6 million of state general fund will go toward the program.

## **Survey results**

Last month, [ODDS announced a survey](#) to collect feedback on questions from our recent SB 91 workgroups. The survey is now closed. 228 people completed the survey.

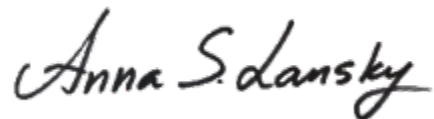
- More than 83% of those were parents of a child receiving services.
- The survey provided scenarios that listed combinations of how many hours per week a parent could be paid and how many children the funding provided would serve. Of those scenarios, 30% of the respondents selected 20 hours per week to serve 86 children. Another 29% selected 40 hours per week to serve 52 children and 25% preferred no set limit to hours per week.
- About 56% of people said there should be a random drawing to determine which children would be initially enrolled into the program, instead of a first come, first served basis.
- Other questions addressed opinions about wait lists, reserving waiver slots for children who meet specific criteria. [Read more data in the survey results.](#)

## **Next steps**

ODDS will open the draft waiver application for public input in early October. It will be open for public comment for 60 days and a Tribal consultation period of 60 days. An ODDS director's message will go out soon with the draft waiver and information about how you can submit your comments.

Thank you to everyone who submitted feedback and participated in the SB 91 implementation so far.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna S. Lansky". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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