



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals

Bureau of Health Services Financing October 2013 Report to the Developmental Disability Council

Update/Progress on Agency Initiatives

New Opportunities Waiver (NOW)

Opportunities Allocated	8,832
Recipients Linked and Certified	8,499 as of 8/25/13

- BHSF and OCDD are working to implement spend-down in the NOW. The anticipated implementation date is 1/1/14.

Children's Choice Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	1,475 (including 425 opportunities reserved for children who meet state-funded family support priority level 1 or 2)
Recipients Linked and Certified	1,218 (includes 376 opportunities filled by children who meet the above stated priority group) as of 8/25/13.

- BHSF and OCDD are in the process of working with CMS to complete the renewal requirements for the Children's Choice Waiver, which is set to expire on 2/21/14.

Supports Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	2,050
Recipients Linked and Certified	1,647 as of 8/25/13

- BHSF and OCDD are in the process of working with CMS to complete the renewal requirements for the Supports Waiver, which is set to expire on 6/30/14.

Residential Options Waiver (ROW)

Opportunities Allocated	210
Recipients Linked and Certified	25 as of 8/25/13

- BHSF and OCDD received approval from CMS to renew the ROW for a five year period effective 7/1/13.

Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	825
Recipients Linked and Certified	670 as of 8/25/13

Community Choices Waiver

Opportunities Allocated	4,953
Recipients Linked and Certified	4,418 as of 8/25/13

Permanent Supportive Housing Services

- The amendment to add Permanent Supportive Housing services to the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW), Children's Choice Waiver, Supports Waiver, and Community Choices Waiver has been approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The effective implementation date is January 1, 2014.

Money Follows the Person

- Since fall 2009, approximately 649 individuals have transitioned through the MFP program from qualified institutions (hospitals, nursing facilities, and supports and services centers); Calendar year-to-date, 205 individuals have transitioned.

Self-Direction

- The Self-Direction option is available statewide in the New Opportunities Waiver and Community Choices Waiver.
- There are currently 343 individuals participating in the Self-Direction option, as of 9/20/13.
- BHSF held a stakeholder advisory group meeting, which included participant representatives, on 8/13/13. These stakeholders provided recommendations as to how the program can be improved and we are currently working to address their recommendations. The committee will convene on a quarterly basis and the next meeting is scheduled for 11/12/13.

Coordinated System of Care Waiver

- The Coordinated System of Care (CSoC) Waiver provides behavioral health-related services to children and youth who meet institutional level of care and reside in certain parishes across the state. Wraparound agencies work with participants, their families, providers, courts, child welfare agencies, schools, and community organizations to coordinate care planning activities to ensure participants are able to access needed services and supports. The following additional services are provided under the CSoC Waiver:
 - Parent Support and Training – support and training provided to family members to increase the family’s ability to provide a safe and supportive environment for the child/youth.
 - Youth Support and Training – support and training provided to children/youth to increase their engagement and active participation in the treatment planning process and to reinforce skills learned throughout the treatment process. For example, this service can be used to help a child/youth develop a network for information and support from others who have been through similar experiences, assist the child/youth to identify and effectively respond to or avoid identified triggers that maintain or increase functional impairment etc.
 - Independent Living Skills – services designed to assist children who are or will be transitioning to adulthood with support in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills necessary to be successful in the domains of

employment, housing, education and community life and to reside successfully in home and community settings. For example, this service can be used to assist participants with completing job applications, learning basic safety practices, learning how to shop for food, scheduling physician appointments, recognizing when to contact a physician, etc.

- Short-Term Respite Care – provides temporary direct care and supervision for the child/youth in his/her home or a community setting in order to provide relief to the family/caregiver.
 - Crisis Stabilization – provides an out-of-home crisis stabilization option for families in order to avoid psychiatric inpatient and institutional treatment of the child/youth. The goal of this service is to support the child/youth and their family in ways that will address the child/youth's current acute and/or chronic mental health needs and to coordinate a successful return to the family setting at the earliest possible time.
- The CSoC waiver enrollment totaled 1,003, as of 9/6/13:

Region/Parish	Participant Count
Jefferson Parish	233
Region 2 (Capital area)	187
Region 7 (Alexandria area)	128
Region 8 (Shreveport area)	226
Region 9 (Monroe area)	239

- We are currently preparing for a statewide expansion of the CSoC waiver, which would expand services to the Lafayette, Thibodaux, Lake Charles, and Covington areas.