

Equitably Fund Districts/Authorities: Provide Equal Access to Services

KNOW THE FACTS

- **There are 10 Human Services Districts/ Authorities created legislatively throughout the state.**
- **State funded services authorized by Act 378 of 1989 for people with disabilities are administered by these districts/authorities.**
- **Some districts/ authorities receive nearly three times the state funding per capita than others.**
- **This inequitable funding prevents families from having equal access to Act 378 services based on where they live in the state.**

What Can Legislators Do?

Provide individuals with disabilities and families more equitable access to services by appropriating additional funding to the Human Services Districts/ Authorities with the lowest SGF per capita.

Support a mandatory minimum of 9% of each agency's SGFs be dedicated to Act 378 programs for people with DD. (Any source of funds can be used to meet the 9% requirement.)

Why Do This?

Act 378 services are state authorized and funded, and often provide immediate access to supports for people with developmental disabilities, many of whom are on the waiver waiting list. These services, such as the Individual and Family Support program, help keep people at home and out of more costly institutional settings.

However, not all individuals/families have equal access to these supports because the inequitable funding of the districts/authorities and the varying prioritization of these services have created the "haves" and "have nots" depending on where a person lives.

By reducing the budget disparity and supporting a mandatory minimum percentage of SGF be dedicated to these Act 378 programs, individuals/families who are currently not able to access needed supports will be able to do so, regardless of where they live in the state.

**Total State General Fund (SGF) per Capita
Allocated to Districts/Authorities in Fiscal Year 2017**

Human Services District/ Authority	2015 Estimated Population	FY17 SGF Budget*	FY17 SGF Per Capita Budget*	% of FY17 SGF Budgeted for Act 378 DD Services**	FY17 Per Capita for IFS**	Additional SGF Needed for \$28.50 Per Capita
Metropolitan (MHSD)	458,520	\$17,082,286	\$37.26	9.2%	\$2.55	—
Capital Area (CAHSD)	682,125	\$13,878,402	\$20.35	6.4%	\$0.48	\$5,562,161
South Central LA (SCLHSA)	405,954	\$13,565,396	\$33.42	7.3%	\$1.59	—
Acadiana Area (AAHSD)	608,079	\$13,120,143	\$21.58	9.7%	\$1.30	\$4,210,109
Imperial Calcasieu (IMCAL)	299,189	\$7,311,222	\$24.44	10.8%	\$1.65	\$1,215,665
Central LA (CLHSD)	306,221	\$8,783,277	\$28.68	10.8%	\$2.06	—
Northwest LA (NLHSD)	545,747	\$7,029,952	\$12.88	19.2%	\$1.53	\$8,523,838
Northeast Delta (NEDHSA)	355,045	\$8,679,542	\$24.45	7.9%	\$0.80	\$1,439,241
Florida Parishes (FPHSA)	573,569	\$11,007,457	\$19.19	7.6%	\$0.56	\$5,339,260
Jefferson Parish (JPHSA)	436,275	\$12,358,417	\$28.33	7.9%	\$1.18	\$75,421
Total	4,670,724	\$112,816,094				\$26,365,695

* Includes State General Fund Direct (Discretionary & Non-Discretionary) as allocated in HB1 (Act 17 of 2016); adjusted to reflect mid-year budget reductions.

**Act 378 DD services include Individual & Family Support (IFS) & Flexible Family Fund. Budgets as reported by OCDD to the Act 378 Subcommittee in April 2017.