



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Aging and Adult Services

Office of Aging and Adult Services Report to Developmental Disabilities Council July of 2014

As of June 18, 2014

Money Follows the Person Services Update:

Participants transitioned (since inception): **737**

Participants in process: **347**

State-Funded Services Update:

Participants Served

- Community and Family Supports: **24**
- State Personal Assistance Program: **24**
- Traumatic Head /Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund: **664**

Waiting List

- Community and Family Supports & State Personal Assistance Program: **151**
- Traumatic Head /Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund: **309**

Permanent Supportive Housing:

Recipients as of 12/30/2013: **2,368** households

Status of current OAAS initiatives:

OAAS/DHH Legislation:

HB 185: ACT 507 Direct Service workers employed as part of self-directed care will receive training developed by DHH in conjunction with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing. Next steps involve working with LSBN to develop rules.

SB 499: Proposed law authorizes DHH and the Board of Nursing to develop rules to allow for administration of insulin by direct service workers. SB 499 was not passed by the legislature.

SB 498: ACT 493 Proposed law cleans up outdated provisions of State Personal Assistance program and allows the program to pay for certain services and supports other than a personal care worker. SB 498 will effectively allow OAAS to merge the current Community and Family Services program and the State Personal Assistance program into a single program in order to better use the limited resources to serve more people.

Permanent Supportive Housing:

HUD has finalized our project plan for the 811 PSH housing for persons with disabilities and we have hired a staff person to coordinate. This will make PSH available statewide for the first time. Target for start-up is by the end of this year.

Provider Cost Reports:

ACT 299 Update: HCBS provider cost reports are being submitted now. The first year will be reviewed for information purposes only. The next phase of this project involves working to develop a cost-based rate methodology for HCBS services.

Goal 8: Children participating in EarlySteps will demonstrate improved developmental outcomes through increased access to quality services and will lead to the full inclusion and meaningful participation of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life.

The Office of Aging and Adult Services is not involved in EarlySteps.