

HOT TOPICS

ARPA Funding Requests

- OCDD continues to work on CMS-approved activities associated with Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act. Some highlights from the past quarter include:
 - A pilot with the electronic assessment for waiver participants started in January. Evaluators are working with support coordinators and waiver beneficiaries to “test” the assessment tool.
 - OCDD is partnering with the Office of Behavioral Health and LSU to conduct trainings for professionals supporting people with I/DD and serious mental illness.
 - In-person surveys for National Core Indicators will be completed this year, working with a company called Qlarant to complete these.
 - Work to complete a rate study for all Home- and Community-Based Waiver Services (HCBS) continues, and it is projected that the final report will be out by August 2025.

Value Based Payments

- CMS approved OCDD’s recommended value-based payment (VBP) program to give providers incentive payments for meeting predetermined value/performance indicators.
- VBP incentive payments will be awarded to providers and support coordination agencies based on eight performance indicators including DSP certification, continuous employment of non-licensed staff, person-centered hiring practices, state employment leadership training, closing critical incidents within 30 days, completing National Core Indicator State of the Workforce surveys, and approved technology enhancements.

Incontinence Supplies

- OCDD is increasing the cost allowed for some incontinence supplies effective July 1 to ensure individuals and families can purchase quality products. The types of incontinence supplies will not change, only the cost allowed for some of the products. The maximum budget for incontinence supplies will remain at \$2,500 a year.

OCDD Quarterly Activities

MyPlace/Money follows the Person

- **13** participants moved into the community through the NOW, ROW, and CC waiver programs in 2025
- **\$200,000** in Value Based Payments for SC agencies from Capacity Building Grant
- **\$15,000** to assist NOW and ROW participants as well as children transitioning from the NICU to Children’s Choice
- CMS extended funding for MFP until **2027**.

Pinecrest Supports and Services Center

Current Census	2025 Calendar Year Admissions	2025 Calendar Year Discharges
426	11	10

Central Louisiana Supports and Services Center

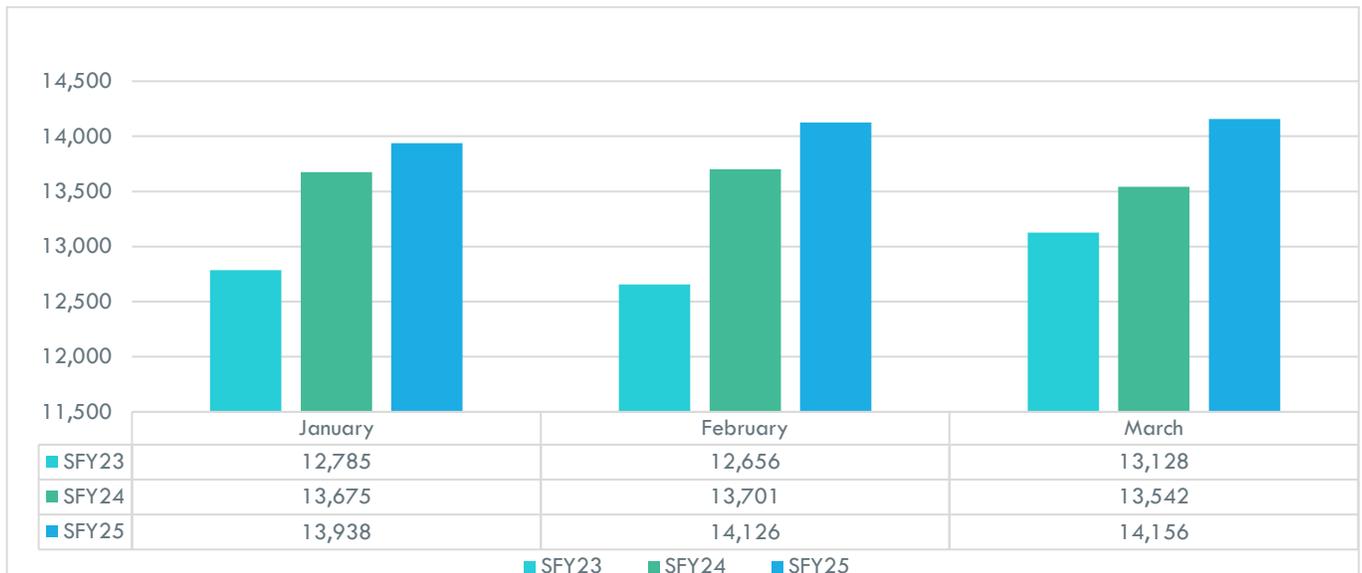
Current Census	2025 Calendar Year Admissions	2025 Calendar Year Discharges
92	3	0

Access to Behavioral and Medical Intervention in the Community (OCDD Resource Center)

- **697** individuals with I/DD received consultation or direct services from the Resource Center
 - **95%** individuals were able to remain living, working in the community
 - **98%** individuals were satisfied with services
- **1,126** nurse outreach and education activities
- **190** training events with clinicians and providers
- **4** Louisiana universities participating in training for undergraduate and graduate level students
- **53** urgent cases resolved
 - **21** of urgent cases received consultation from the Resource Center
 - **All 21 cases** that the Resource Center consulted on were able to be maintained in the community without need for long term institutionalization

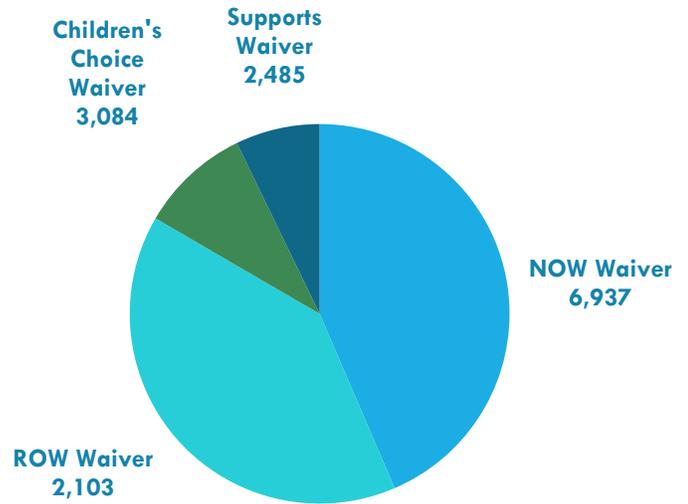
Home- and Community-Based Waiver Information (As of 4/1/2025)

Unduplicated Paid Recipients (monthly total of people who received a paid waiver service)

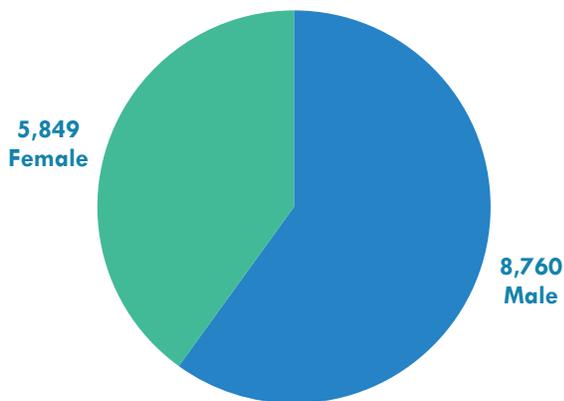


Total Waiver Population (as of 3/31/25)

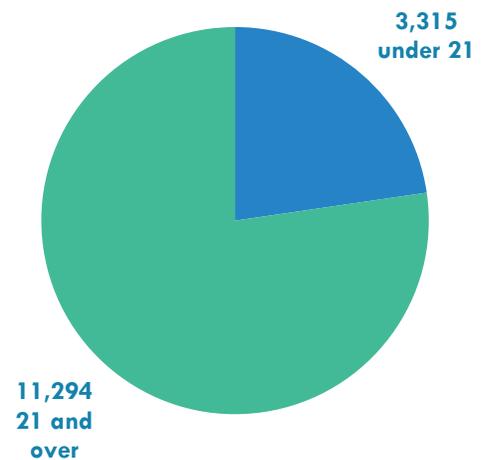
New Opportunities Waiver (NOW): **6,937**
 Residential Options Waiver (ROW): **2,103**
 Children's Choice: **3,084**
 Supports Waiver: **2,485**



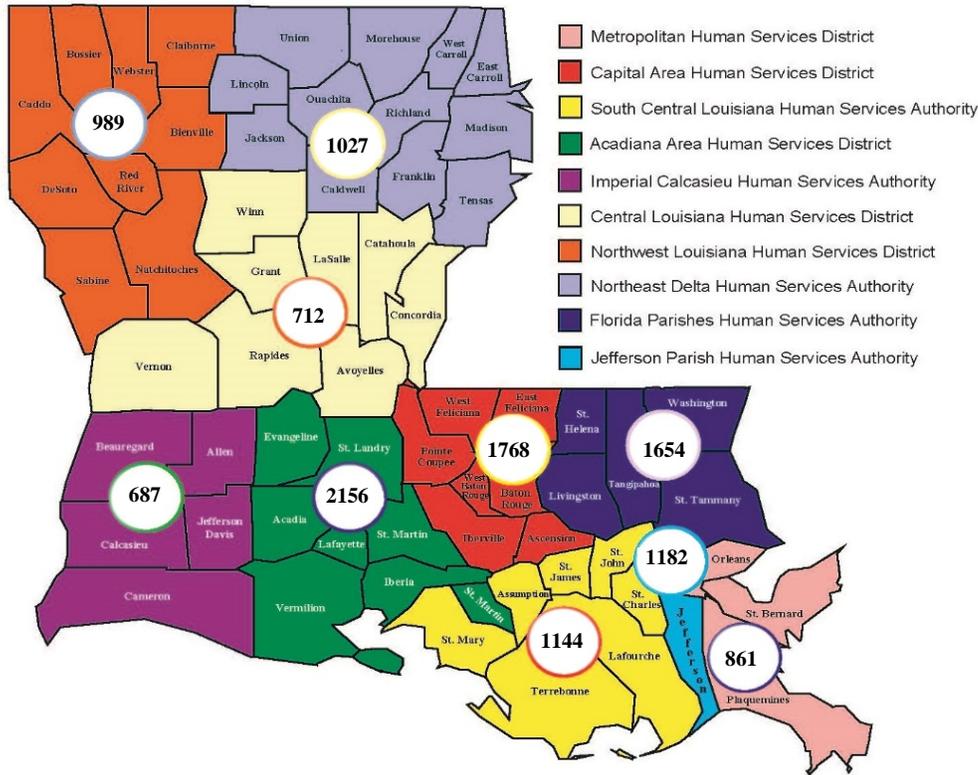
Waiver Population by Sex



Waiver Population by Age



Waiver Participants by Region



Annual Average Cost of Waiver per Recipient

SFY23 - **\$49,395**
 SFY24 - **\$48,718**
 SFY25 - **\$49,135** (as of 3/31/25)

Total Annual Waiver Services Payments

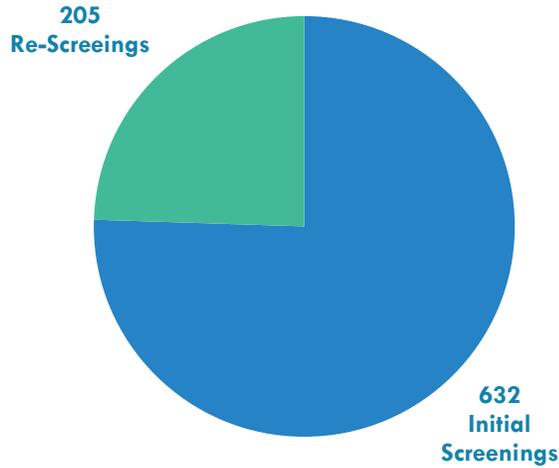
SFY23 - **\$653.6 Million**
 SFY24 - **\$660.1 Million**
 SFY25 - **\$514.3 Million** (as of 3/31/25)

Screening for Urgency of Need (SUN) Quarterly Data

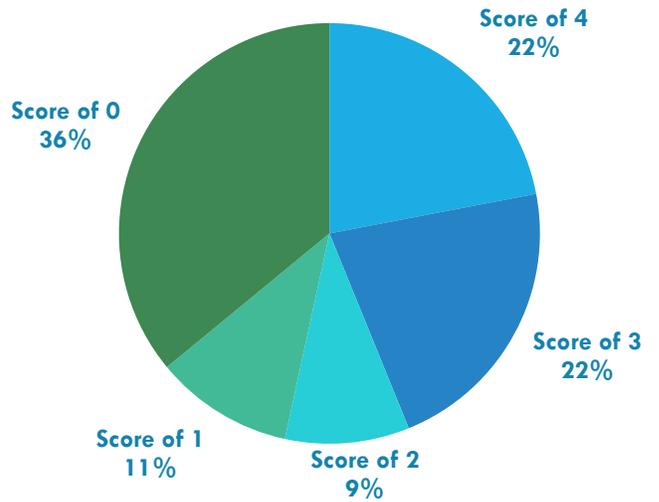
- OCDD uses the SUN to determine if the Home- and Community-Based Waiver Services (HCBS) or other services can meet an individual’s support needs. SUN looks at services and supports that are already in place, Medicaid eligibility, the severity or complexity of the person’s disabilities, what additional supports individuals need, and any changes in an individual’s life or living situation.
- SUN scores range from 0-4, with 4 representing unmet needs at the emergent level, 3 represents unmet needs at the urgent level, 2 means unmet needs at the critical level, 1 shows unmet needs at the planning level, and 0 is for no identified unmet needs.
- Waiver offers are made to all individuals with a SUN score of 3 or 4, so no individual with current unmet needs is on the DD Request for Services Registry. As of **March 31, 2025**, there are **13,576¹** on the registry.
- From January – March of 2025, **837** screenings were conducted.

¹ The total number of individuals listed in the Registry will fluctuate due to new additions, closures, and post-closure re-opens.

REASON FOR SCREENING



SUN SCORES

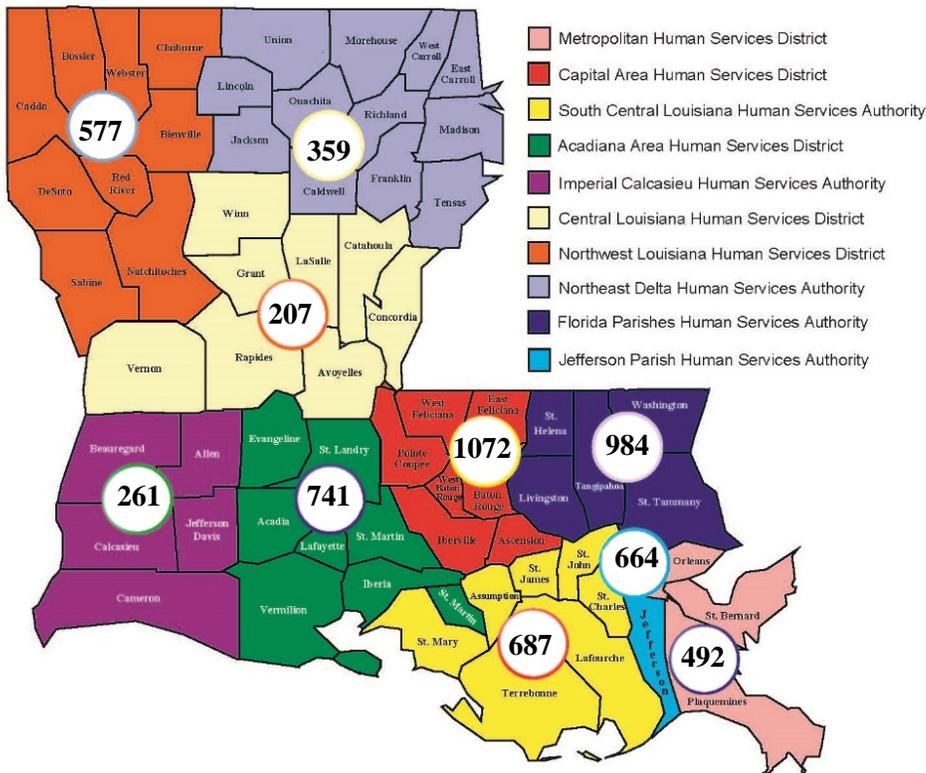


TEFRA

Total Applications (cumulative as of 4/3/25): **6,621**
Total Enrolled (current as of 4/3/25): **2,452**

EarlySteps

Children with active Individual and Family Support Plans (IFSP) by Region (as of 3/1/25)



EarlySteps Child Count/Referrals

- Child count (as of 3/1/25): **6,044**
- Referrals January 2025: **1,364**
- Referrals February 2025: **1,215**
- Referrals March 2025: **1,238**