

KNOW THE FACTS

- **OCDD is assessing the needs of all people with DD on the waiver waiting list to prioritize and serve those in the most urgent need first.**
- **Approximately 1,300 people with DD on the waiting list have been identified to have the most urgent needs for FY19.***
 - Funding waivers for 800** of these individuals would assist a large percentage of those in immediate need.
- **On average, providing for the needs of an individual on a waiver is \$31,000 annually as compared to \$263,000 annually to support an individual in Pinecrest.**

Fund Waivers: Meet Urgent Needs Now

What Can Legislators Do?

Appropriate \$4.15 Million* in State General Funds for FY19 to provide home and community-based waiver services to 800** individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) on the waiver waiting list identified as having the most urgent needs.

Why Do This?

Individuals with the most urgent needs are at the greatest risk of out-of-home placement.

Without waiver services these individuals will likely enter more costly institutions/residential facilities, when their needs could be met more cost effectively at home. The state will pay for those institutional services—and break up families in the process.

OCDD has a new process whereby people in the greatest need will be offered a waiver that is most appropriate for them. Some adults will be offered a New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) slot; others will be offered one of the other two adult capped waivers. All children will be offered the Children's Choice waiver. This process will meet people's needs in the most cost effective manner.

Compared to institutional care, waiver services:

- Result in better quality of life outcomes;
- Keep families together and keep people as included members of their communities;
- On average, cost less.

* Data and budget figures provided by OCDD.

** Approximately 300 existing vacant mixed waiver slots; 500 new slots.