

# **TIMELINE OF LOUISIANA'S COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SUPPORT SYSTEM**

## **1988**

- ◀ First Community Integration Conference held and visions of a personalized system of supports were created
- ◀ Creation of LaCAN
- ◀ Development of vision statements outlining principles of individualized supports
- ◀ Regional forums held to present vision statements and obtain comments from people using services
- ◀ Legislation developed stating principles of individualized supports

## **1989**

- ◀ Passage of Act 378
- ◀ Creation of Advisory Committee on the Community and Family Support System
- ◀ Working committees comprised primarily of parents and adults with disabilities meet throughout the year to design components of Plan

## **1990**

- ◀ Development of written plan outlining statewide system of community and family supports
- ◀ Plan presented to Department of Health and Hospitals and Department of Social Services

## **1991**

- ◀ Approval of Community and Family Support System Plan by Joint Health and Welfare Committee of Louisiana Legislature
- ◀ \$1.3 million allocated for FY 1991-92 to begin funding of Community and Family Support System
  - Cash subsidies for 600 families beginning January 1992
  - Funding of support services not reimbursable through Medicaid and for those not eligible for Medicaid
  - Funding to begin supported living programs

## **1992**

- ◀ Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver expanded to include supported living services for adults
- ◀ Legislative resolution passed calling for the implementation of TEFRA Option
- ◀ Formation of regional family support advisory councils
- ◀ \$2.7 million allocated to continue funding initial implementation of Community and Family Support System for 1992-93
  - Continuation of cash subsidies for 600 families
  - Funds for services not reimbursable through Medicaid and non-Medicaid eligible families
  - Funds to continue supported living programs

## **1993**

- ◀ Report issued outlining recommendations for adoption of TEFRA
- ◀ 1500 people receiving Home and Community Based Waiver Services
- ◀ \$2.8 million allocated to Community and Family Support
  - Same services continued

## **1994**

- ◀ Legislative Fiscal Office issues DD Study at request of the Appropriations chairman
- ◀ 350 new slots for Home and Community Based Waiver
- ◀ \$6.1 million appropriated for Community and Family Support
  - Continuation of prior year services
  - 500 additional cash subsidies are funded
  - Initial funding for adoption of the TEFRA Medicaid Option

## **1995**

- ◀ Continuation budget for Community and Family Support
- ◀ \$15 million for implementation of TEFRA (In October, 1995 this appropriation was cancelled by the Joint Budget Committee)
- ◀ DHH makes massive cuts in Medicaid Program, including the Home and Community Based Waiver (Most cuts in waiver services are restored several months later)
- ◀ Medicaid Psychiatric Rehabilitation is cut by 60%

## **1996**

- ◀ Continuation budget for Community and Family Support
- ◀ Targeted Case Management is eliminated for people with developmental disabilities and mental illness
- ◀ Medicaid Psychiatric Rehabilitation is cut an additional 60%
- ◀ Over 2,000 people receiving Home and Community Based Waiver Services

## **1997**

- ◀ Continuation of 1996-97 services
- ◀ An additional \$9.9 MILLION is appropriated for Community and Family Supports
  - 340 new MR/DD Waiver slots brings total to 2,751
  - Comprehensive state funded support services for 460 persons on Medicaid waiver waiting list
  - Cash subsidies for 315 additional families
  - Additional respite funds for families of children with severe emotional disturbance
  - New supported living program for 12 adults with chronic mental illness
- ◀ Implementation of hospital diversion plan shifts funds to Medicaid Psychiatric Rehabilitation

## **1998**

- ◀ Continuation of 1997-98 services
- ◀ An additional \$11.5 million is appropriated for Community and Family Support
  - 700 new MR/DD Waiver Slots brings total to 3,451
  - Cash subsidies for 539 additional families brings total to 1979
  - Additional funds for family support services for children with emotional/behavioral disturbance.
  - Information and support for parents of children with emotional/behavioral disturbance
- ◀ Three pilot projects for single point of entry/information and referral through OCDD and Families Helping Families
- ◀ New supported living program for adults with severe physical disabilities
- ◀ Diagnosis and evaluation for 700 new waiver slots
- ◀ 15 new staff positions in OCDD and Medicaid to process new waiver slots
- ◀ Amendment passed calling for DHH to research the implementation of TEFRA in other states and submit a report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget prior to January 1, 1999 for its review and approval on a proposed TEFRA option plan for implementation in FY '99-

2000.

- ◀ \$350,000 appropriated by the Legislature for Families Helping Families to validate the waiver waiting list was vetoed by the Governor.

### 1999

- ◀ Continuation of 1998-99 services
- ◀ An additional \$23.5 million is appropriated for Community and Family Support
  - 800 new MR/DD Waiver Slots bring total to 4251
  - New funds for the implementation of the Medicaid option TEFRA\*

\*The implementation of TEFRA was halted three weeks prior to beginning on January 1, 2000 due to projected budget shortfalls in Medicaid.

### 2000

- ◀ Continuation of 1999-2000 services
  - \*As an alternative to TEFRA, the administration recommended and the legislature appropriated \$7.6 million to initiate services in January 2001 under a new capped children's waiver called Children's Choice. LaCAN opposed this "trade off" for several reasons, one being the cap of \$7,000. The \$7.6 million was never spent, as the very first children to receive services under Children's Choice did not do so until June 2001.

### 2001

- ◀ Passage of Act 1147 which amends Act 378
- ◀ Disability Services and Supports System Planning Group and Consumer Task Force (DSSS/CTF) are formed to develop an Olmstead plan to reform Louisiana's long term care system
- ◀ Consumer Task Force submits Phase I plan recommendations to DHH
- ◀ Continuation of 2000-2001 services
- ◀ An additional \$2,474,000 is appropriated for Community and Family Support
- ◀ \$ 2,229,000 to increase reimbursement rates for MR/DD Waiver
- ◀ \$ 245,000 for funding to expand the OCDD and FHF Information and Referral Programs statewide.
- ◀ \$9,000,000 for 500 new Children's Choice Waiver slots
- ◀ \$124,000 for expansion of Community Living Ombudsman Program (CLOP)
- ◀ \$25,964,446 to increase waiver slots in the Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver, Adult Day Health Care Waiver and Personal Care Attendant Waiver

### 2002

- ◀ DSSS/CTF planning process continues
- ◀ Bureau of Community Supports and Services submits amended MR/DD waiver to CMS
- ◀ Continuation of 2001 - 2002 services
- ◀ An additional \$20,150,000 for Community and Family Support
  - \$250,000 for FHF
  - \$13.8 million for MR/DD Waiver Re-Write Recommendations
  - \$6.1 million for 325 new MR/DD Waiver slots
- ◀ Additional funds for an interim rate increase for Supervised Independent Living Services (\$440,000 a month until the re-write recommendations are implemented)
- ◀ Additional funds to expand CLOP
- ◀ Passage of SCR 5 - Freedom of Choice for Private ICF/MR residents
- ◀ Children's Choice Cap is increased to \$15,000

### **2003**

- ◀ An additional \$250,000 SGF for Families Helping Families Resource Centers bringing total funding to \$500,000
- ◀ Increased funding was appropriated to expand the menu of services and provide for higher rates in the newly approved New Opportunities Waiver
- ◀ \$8,030,000 for 400 new Elderly and Disabled Adult waiver slots
- ◀ \$547,500 for 25 new Personal Care Attendant waiver slots
- ◀ \$28 million to implement the Personal Care Medicaid State Plan Option

### **2004**

- ◀ A study resolution was passed requesting the House and Senate Committees on Health and Welfare to study and develop implementation strategies for Money Follows the Individual
- ◀ A study resolution was passed directing DHH to study and develop a five-year plan to eliminate the disparity in DSP wages for those working in community programs versus those in state operational institutions
- ◀ \$3,735,600 for 66 emergency NOW waiver slots - the budget for the NOW waiver for 04/05 was set at approximately \$221 million (federal and state funds)
- ◀ \$1,119,266 for 150 new Elderly and Disabled Adult waiver slots
- ◀ \$381,375 for 25 new Personal Care Attendant waiver slots

### **2005**

- ◀ \$2,642,694 for 100 additional New Opportunities Waiver slots
- ◀ Passage of Act 128 - Reauthorization of the OCDD Law
- ◀ Passage of Act 451 – DSPs perform certain non-complex medical tasks

### **2006**

- ◀ \$8,407,500 for 200 additional New Opportunities Waiver slots
- ◀ Funding for 1350 additional Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver slots
- ◀ Funding for 150 waiver slots for people with ALS
- ◀ Funding for 125 Adult Day Care Health Waiver slots
- ◀ Passage of Act 555 – All proceeds from the sale of OCDD property will be used to expand or enhance Home and Community Based supports
- ◀ Metropolitan Developmental Center was closed

### **2007**

- ◀ Passage of Act 481 that provides a recurring source of funding for New Opportunities Waiver services
- ◀ Funding for 1500 additional New Opportunities Waiver slots
- ◀ Funding for 200 additional Children's Choice slots
- ◀ Funding for 200 additional Supports Waiver slots
- ◀ Funding for 200 Residential Waiver slots
- ◀ Increased funding that allows OCDD to provide individual and family support services to all people with developmental disabilities with needs classified as priority 1 or 2.
- ◀ Funding to implement the Family Opportunity Act Program
- ◀ Continuation funding for the DSP wage "pass through" that was implemented in Spring 2007

### **2008**

- ◀ Protection of the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) Fund to support new NOW slots
- ◀ Funding for 2,025 additional New Opportunities Waiver Slots
- ◀ Mitigated the amount of rate cuts to providers of home and community-based services

## 2009

- ◀ Protection of the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) Fund to support new NOW slots
- ◀ Passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution 116 that requires OCDD to report on the status of filling waiver slots. OCDD continued to make offers for waiver slots
- ◀ Reduced the amount of rate cuts to providers of home and community-based services
- ◀ Prevented an individual cap on NOW services
- ◀ DHH recommends reforming the system by consolidating/closing developmental centers and recognizing better outcomes and cost efficiencies of using waiver services

## 2010

- ◀ 150 additional New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) Slots
- ◀ The closure of Northeast Supports and Services (Developmental) Center
- ◀ The downsizing of the remaining developmental centers by 20%
- ◀ 425 Children's Choice Waiver Slots
- ◀ \$4.2 Million to be used to speed up the processing of waiver slots and for one-time expenses for individuals with DD and their families (These funds were deposited into the Community and Family Support Fund from the sale of Metropolitan Developmental Center)

## 2011

- ◀ Restoration of budget cuts that would have resulted in:
  - Elimination of the Cash Subsidy Program for children with severe disabilities in most regions of the state.
  - Loss of Individual and Family Support Services for over 400 families of individuals with developmental disabilities throughout the state.
  - Elimination of contract funding for:
    - Families Helping Families Regional Resource Centers
    - the Supported Living Program for individuals with Adult-onset disabilities
    - Children's Hospital Diabetes Clinic
    - Tulane University Hospital-Cystic Fibrosis Clinic
    - LSU Shreveport NICU Follow-up Clinic
    - LSU Earl K. Long Pediatric Clinic.
  - Services to nearly 5,000 children with special health care needs being drastically reduced as a result of cuts to Children's Special Health Care Services.
  - Elimination of vital community services for 200 people who have successfully transitioned out of psychiatric hospitals.
  - Loss of psychiatric medications for non-Medicaid eligible (indigent) persons diagnosed with serious mental illness and/or addictive disorders.
  - Reduction or elimination of the State Personal Care Assistance Program.
  - Cuts to Adult Protective Services for people with disabilities.
  - Cuts to Single Point of Entry delaying access to Long Term Personal Care Services and the Elderly Waivers.
  - Elimination of plan to expand self-direction in DD and elderly waivers statewide.

## 2012

- ◀ Restoration of budget cuts that would have resulted in:
  - Elimination of EarlySteps
  - Medicaid provider rate cuts of up to 9 percent
  - Elimination of Early Childhood Supports and Services (ECSS)
  - Closure of Central State Hospital
  - Elimination of Adult Protective Services

- Elimination of personal care services for people with adult on-set disabilities
- Reduction of school based health clinics
- Elimination of Access to Recovery Program
- ◀ Passage of Act 508 that allows for private donations to the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) Fund
- ◀ Passage of Act 186 that creates a check box on state income tax forms to dedicate all or a portion of an individual's tax refund to the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) Fund.
- ◀ Loss of 168 New Opportunities Waiver slots through attrition

### **2013**

- ◀ Funding for various services added during session, but vetoed by the Governor

### **2014**

- ◀ Funding to fill all vacant waiver slots for people with DD (approximately 1,000 slots)
- ◀ 200 additional New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) Slots
- ◀ \$170,000 SGF restored to nine Families Helping Families Resource Centers
- ◀ \$1.1 Million restored for the Individual and Family Support (IFS) program in the three lowest-funded human services districts/authorities:
  - \$555,000 to Capital Area Human Services District
  - \$490,000 to Florida Parish Human Services Authority
  - \$40,000 to Acadiana Area Human Services District
- ◀ \$765,000 restored to La. Rehabilitation Services
- ◀ Efforts to protect critical services for vulnerable populations through a constitutional amendment were unsuccessful.

### **2015**

- ◀ \$3.5 Million in SGF (\$9.25 Million total funding) to fill frozen waiver slots for individuals with developmental disabilities
- ◀ \$170,000 SGF restored to nine Families Helping Families Resource Centers
- ◀ \$500,000 added to EarlySteps (not enough to reach the goal of returning the program to 2012 wider eligibility criteria) - Advocated to transfer this funding to Human Services Districts/Authorities in need of additional Individual and Family Support Program funding.

### **2016**

- ◀ Restoration/allocation of funding for:
  - All current DD waiver recipients to retain services
  - State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS)
  - Long-Term Personal Care Services (LT-PCS)
  - Families Helping Families
- ◀ Funding partially restored for:
  - Human Services Districts and Authorities (IFS & FFF)

### **2017**

- ◀ Allocation of funding for:
  - 627 vacant, mixed waiver slots
  - Families Helping Families
- ◀ Restoration of funding for:
  - Programs/services funded through LINCCA
  - State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS)
- ◀ Funding partially restored for:

- Human Services Districts/Authorities
- Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS)
- ◀ Passage of Act 73 (Senate Bill 58) requiring Human Services Districts/Authorities to:
  - Allocate a minimum amount equal to 9% of its state funds to the Individual and Family Support and Flexible Family Fund programs for people with DD;
  - Ensure more equal representation of the three service delivery areas of DD, behavioral health and addictive disorders and increased representation of consumers/parents/advocates on their boards.

## **2018**

- ◀ Implementation of a tiered waiver system with one Request for Services Registry prioritized by urgency of need.
- ◀ Allocation of funding for:
  - 650 waiver slots for people in the most urgent need
  - Complex needs service (per diem) for people with complex medical and/or behavioral needs
  - Increase in the Individual and Family Support night rate in the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW)
- ◀ Restoration of funding for:
  - Children's Choice and Supports Waivers
  - Long Term Care Special Income Level Program
  - Long Term Care Personal Care Services
  - Pediatric Day Health Care Centers
  - Supported Independent Living and Support Coordination in the NOW
  - Programs/services funded through LINCCA
- ◀ Efforts to fund TEFRA were unsuccessful.