

## OAAS Report to the Developmental Disabilities Council – October 2024

Data as of September 30, 2024, unless otherwise specified

### Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Update

#### Current Recipients

Adult Day Health Care: **340**  
 Community Choices Waiver (CCW): **6,350**  
 Long Term Personal Care Services: **9,786**  
 Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly: **471**  
 Adult Day Health Care Waiver waitlist: **1,126**

#### Community Choices Waiver

CCW registry: **5,886**  
 CCW registry without HCBS services: **4,839**  
 CCW wait time: **13 years**  
 CCW wait time without HCBS services: **46.4 weeks**

### Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury (THSIC) Program Update

#### Open Cases

**552**

#### Registry / Waitlist

**271**

### State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS) Program update

#### Open / Active Cases

**41\***

#### Registry / Waitlist

**99\***

\*as of 8/31/2024

Refer to ACT 378 Report

### Adult Protective Services (APS) Quarterly Reports (18 – 59 years of age)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY2025 (July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024)

#### Cases Accepted by Region

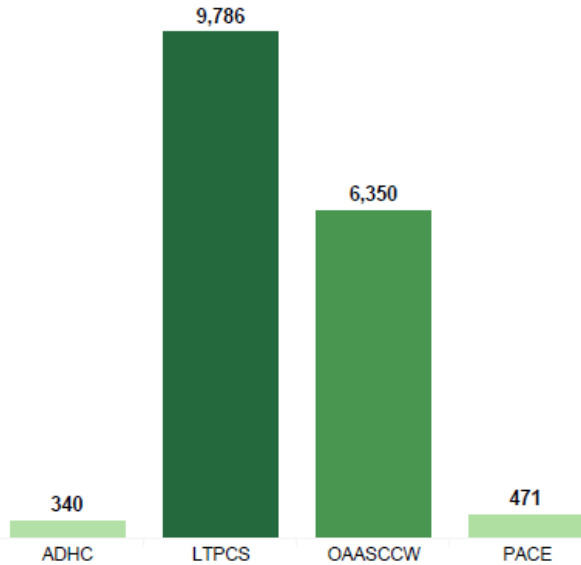
Region	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	
FY 2023	337	210	117	278	149	113	157	134	209	1,704	7/1/22-6/30/23
FY 2024	361	233	123	292	174	131	172	119	240	1,845	7/1/23-6/30/24
FY 2025	87	74	29	98	52	34	59	38	77	548	7/1/24-9/30/24

#### Allegations Investigated – Cases may have multiple allegations

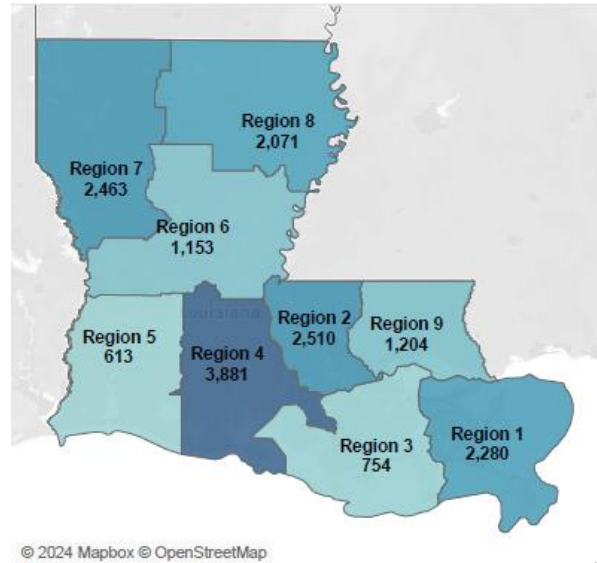
Allegation type	FY 2024 1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Quarters				FY 2025 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter			
	Total	% of total	Substantiated allegations	% substantiated	Total	% of total	Substantiated allegations	% substantiated
Caregiver Neglect	1,019	31.79%	414	40.63%	288	33.88%	131	45.49%
Emotional Abuse	530	16.54%	240	45.28%	141	16.59%	63	44.68%
Financial Abuse	548	17.10%	187	34.12%	131	15.41%	48	36.64%
Physical Abuse	340	10.61%	177	52.06%	79	9.29%	37	46.84%
Self-Neglect	662	20.66%	528	79.76%	192	22.59%	137	71.35%
Sexual	106	3.31%	40	37.74%	19	2.24%	6	31.58%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,205</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>1,586</b>		<b>850</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>422</b>	

## OAAS Populations Update

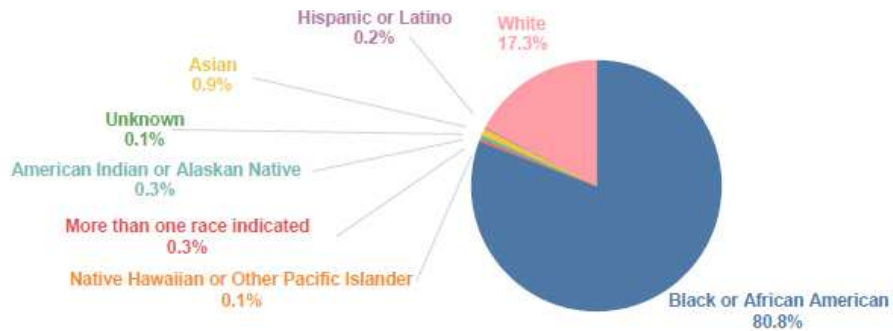
**Total Program Participants**



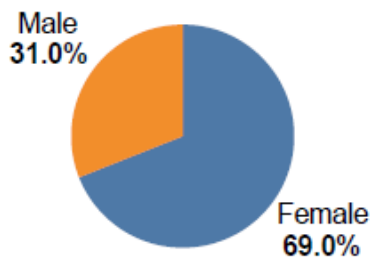
**Populations by Region**



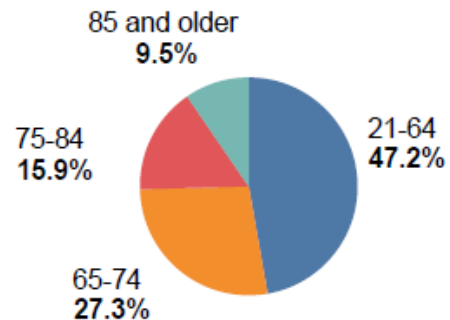
**Population by Race**



**Populations by Gender**



**Population by Age Group**



## **Workforce considerations**

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OAAS is aware of nationwide labor and workforce difficulties. In an effort to encourage entrance into the home and community based services workforce and retaining those already working in it, OAAS has utilized American Rescue Plan Act funds to assist.

- In 2023, bonus payments were made to direct support workers and support coordinators. To be eligible for the bonus, a person must have worked from April 2021 to October 2022 without any break in employment. Bonus payments of \$300 per month were paid to the provider, of which \$250 went directly to the direct service worker.
- In 2024, OAAS conducted a Support Coordination gap analysis statewide, part of which was to review workforce strain.
- In 2024 and 2025, OAAS will be offering Person Center Thinking (PCT) training and dementia training at no cost to direct service workers.
  - PCT training helps develop basic person centered thinking skills that is focused on changing perspectives from simply care for people to working in partnership with the person as they identify their personal goals and what quality of life means to them.
  - Dementia training will include effective evidence based Alzheimer’s interventions, including boosting early detection and diagnosis, reducing risk and preventing avoidable hospitalizations and emergency department visits. Providing dementia training to direct service workers will give them better insight into the disease and elevate their ability to serve those with these diagnoses.
- In 2024, OAAS in conjunction with Louisiana Medicaid and OCDD will be conducting a rate analysis. This will allow LDH to expand and enhance the current cost reporting and rate setting activities for HCBS providers.