

Developmental Disabilities Council State of the State updates from OAAS

Current trends and key data

Individuals receiving HCBS as of June 30, 2025:

- Community Choices Waiver (CCW): 6,596
 - Enrollment increased by 11%, from 5,938 to 6,596
 - Demand outpaces slots available, in FY25 the registry increased by 5% from 10,405 to 10,927
- Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Waiver: 291
 - Waiver enrollment decreased by 10%, from 323 to 291
 - Decrease in participants compliance with ADHC center attendance requirements
- Long-Term Personal Care Services (LT-PCS): 10,598
 - Enrollment increased by 13%, from 9,417 to 10,598
- Individuals on the Request for Services Registry (RFSR) as of June 30, 2025:
 - Community Choices Waiver (CCW): 10,927 (includes individuals receiving other OAAS HCBS)
 - ADHC Waiver: 1,094 (currently no waiting list; this reflects the individuals on the RFSR because there isn't an ADHC center in their area.)
- Rate Increases for CCW Personal Assistance Services (PAS) providers; LT-PCS providers & ADHC providers (Effective 10/1/21)
- Effective 10/1/21 for CCW PAS, LT-PCS and ADHC providers have to:
 - Pay direct service/support workers a minimum wage floor of \$9 per hour
 - Pass 70% of their rate increases directly to DSWs
 - Increase in younger population (below the age of 65) seeking/requiring HCBS

Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

Latest center opened in May 2024 in Alexandria. It currently has 83 participants

- 4 PACE centers in Louisiana serving a total of 500 participants

Money Follows the Person (MFP)

- As of June 30, 2025, MFP has supported over 3,700 individuals in transitioning from nursing facilities and other qualified institutions into HCBS settings since its inception in 2011.
- Success of the program has resulted in improved quality of life for participants, cost savings for the state, and enhanced community integration for older adults and individuals with disabilities.
- Since January 1, 2025, MFP has supported 121 successful transitions

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

- PSH program retention rate is 92.61%
- 61.37% percent of participating households experience an increase in household income after being housed by PSH
- PSH housed 4,190 households this past Fiscal year, 688 of which were new households

Adult Protective Services

- Adult maltreatment in Louisiana is a growing concern. The volume of APS reports and investigations has continued to increase.

APS Investigations (adults aged 18 – 59)	
Fiscal Year	Investigations
FY23	1,704
FY24	1864
FY25	1,928

This reflects a 13% increase in reports over a three-year period, underscoring the need for sustained capacity and resources

Barriers

- Adults with disabilities are at significantly higher risk for abuse and victimization. Data from the U.S. Department of Justice:
- Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are seven times more likely to experience sexual assault than those without disabilities.
- Individuals with cognitive disabilities face the highest rate of total violent crime across all disability types.

Ways the Council assist

- Behavioral health, Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and challenging behavior training for providers
- Caregiver support options
- Assist participants with navigating our sometimes complex systems for program participation and enrollment (eligibility and application requirements, etc.)
- Specialized in-home services for those with both behavior health needs and physical disabilities
- Outreach to medical providers (medical doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists, PAs, NPs, etc.) to provide a better understanding of all state waivers services, state plan services, other community supports and their referral processes
- Support in addressing accessible transportation gaps post transition-Most post discharge transportation options available to participants are medical-only (NEMT)
- NF Transition Programs public awareness and education
 - Breaking out of the stigma that these services are just for residents that need housing
- Help build and sustain the community-based workforce
- Resources for unmet needs, including but not limited to:

- Additional supports for caregivers,
 - Structural modifications (ramps, wall padding, etc)
- Additional education and training on developmental disabilities for providers
- Assist participants with navigating our sometimes complex systems for program participation and enrollment (eligibility and application requirements, etc.)
- Enhancing Public Access to APS Resources: Partner with OAAS to add a link to the APS webpage and reporting hotline on the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council website, increasing visibility and ease of access
- Continue legislative advocacy to:
 - Address gaps in laws and policies impacting vulnerable adults with disabilities.
 - Advocate for stable and increased funding at both state and federal levels to support growing needs in protective services for adults with disabilities, ages 18-59.
 - Affordable, accessible housing