

HOT TOPICS

Value-Based Payments Update

- 5 support coordination agencies awarded \$600,000 in VBP
 - Impacts 70% of participants
- 200 providers have participated, with \$5.5 million scheduled to be released
 - Impacts 13,047 waiver participants

Increased Oversight of Providers

- OCDD expanded programmatic monitoring of providers in 2025, by standing up a progress note monitoring process. In 2026, OCDD will expand on that monitoring by looking not just at the presence of progress notes, but at their quality, leading to better outcomes for participants.
 - 260 providers were monitored in 2025
 - Compliance rate in 2025: 51%
 - Target compliance rate for 2026: 75%

SUN Screenings

- Screenings scheduled within 2 weeks of the initial request (down from 6 weeks)
- Improved processes resulting in increased productivity
- 4,136 total screenings in 2025
- 2,819 initial screenings in 2025 (highest since initial roll-out)

Independence Through Technology

- OCDD received approval from CMS to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to increase awareness and expand access to technology for persons with I/DD. Now we're collaborating with the LGEs and LATAN to offer Smart Technology Demonstrations so that individuals can learn how Technology Supports can be used to build independence to meet one's goals and needs.
 - 2025 utilization rate: 3%
 - 2026 target utilization rate: 10%

EarlySteps Redesign

- OCDD is creating efficiencies in the EarlySteps system through restructuring the referral and intake process and service coordination, introducing stronger fiscal monitoring, and ensuring interdisciplinary team evaluations for services.

OCDD Quarterly Activities

MyPlace/Money Follows the Person

- **63 individuals** transitioned into the community in 2025 through the NOW, ROW, and Children's Choice (CC) waiver programs.

Pinecrest Supports and Services Center

Current Census	2025 Calendar Year Admissions	2025 Calendar Year Discharges
436	46	20

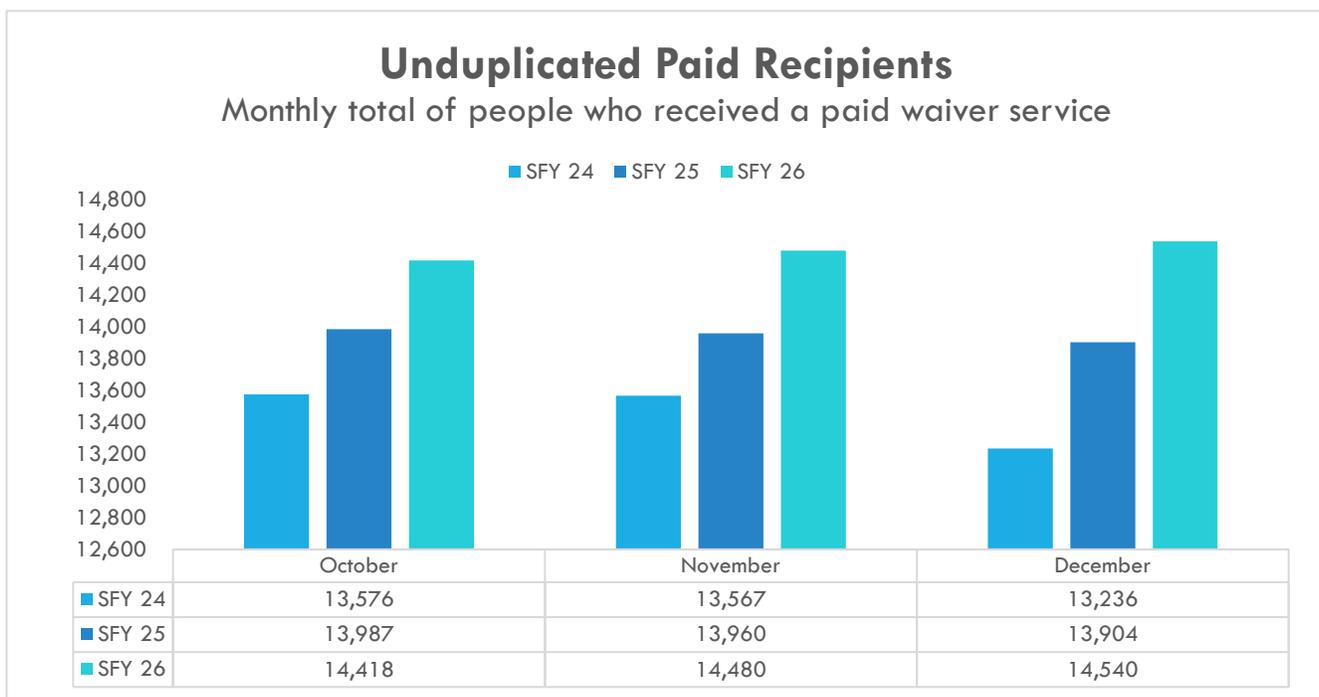
Central Louisiana Supports and Services Center

Current Census	2025 Calendar Year Admissions	2025 Calendar Year Discharges
90	9	4

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

- **488** individuals with I/DD received consultation or direct services from the Resource Center in July–September 2025
 - **95%** of individuals were able to remain living and working in the community
 - **98%** of individuals were satisfied with services
- **1,788** nurse outreach and education activities
- **256** training events with clinicians and providers
- **4** Louisiana universities participating in training for undergraduate and graduate-level students
- **43** urgent cases resolved this quarter
 - **47%** of urgent cases received consultation from the Resource Center
 - **95%** of the 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 Services Waiver Information



Total Waiver Population

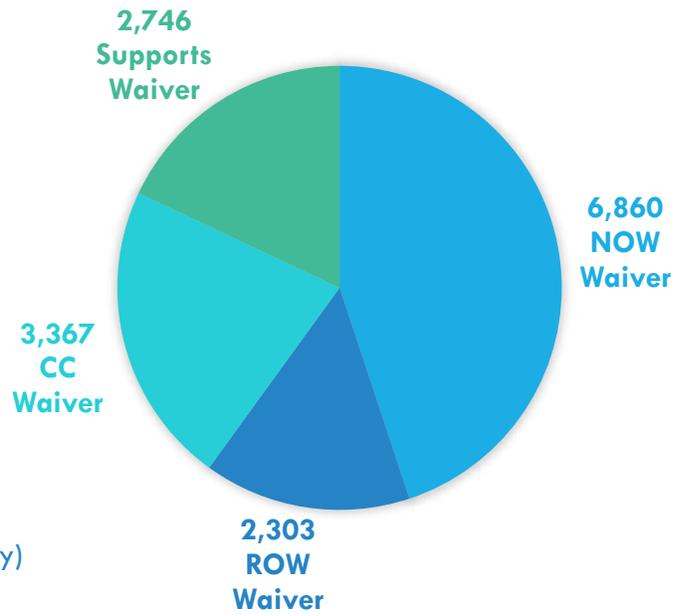
New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) **6,860**
Residential Options Waiver (ROW): **2,303**
Children’s Choice: **3,367**
Supports Waiver: **2,746**

Annual Average Cost of Waiver per Recipient

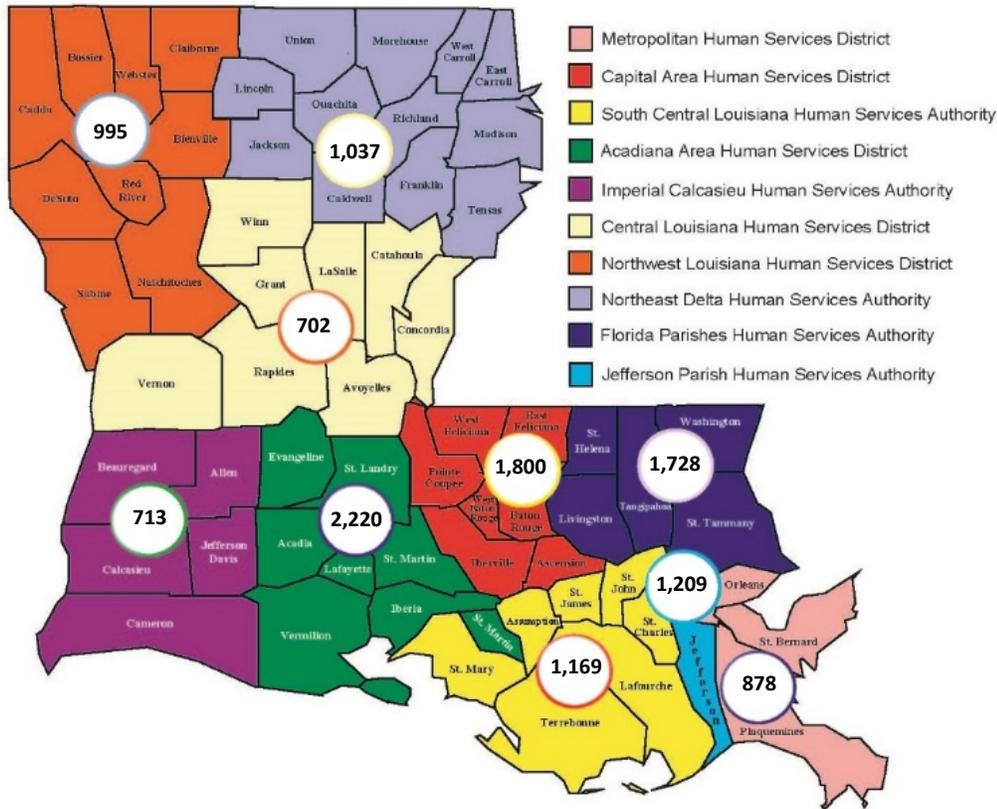
SFY24 - **\$48,718**
SFY25 - **\$49,135**
SFY26 - **\$52,126**

Total Annual Waiver Services Payments

SFY24 - **\$660.1 Million**
SFY25 - **\$691.8 Million**
SFY26 - **\$375.3 Million** (July–December 2025 only)



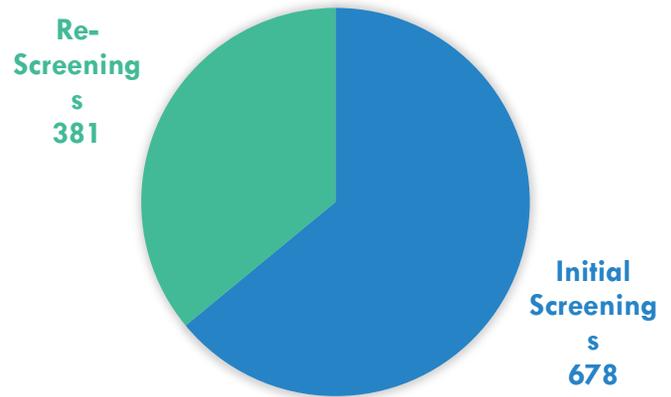
Waiver Participants by Region



Screening for Urgency of Need (SUN) Quarterly Data

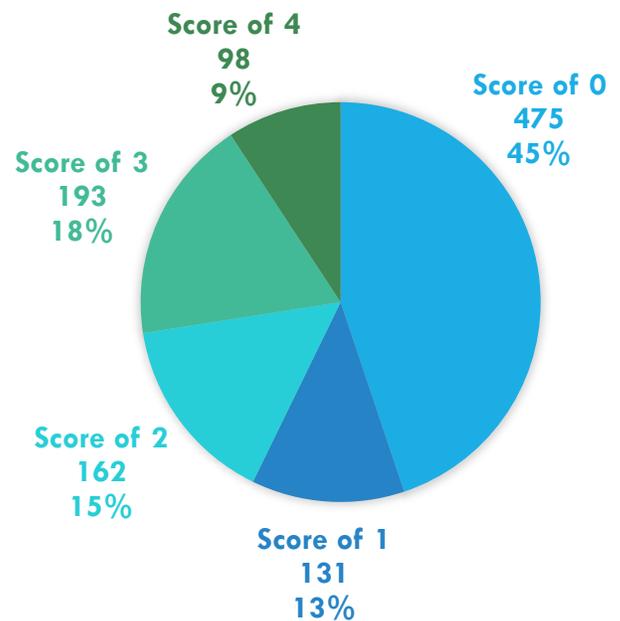
- OCDD uses the SUN to determine if HCBS or other services can meet an individual’s support needs. SUN looks at services and supports that are already in place, Medicaid eligibility, severity or complexity of the person’s disabilities, additional supports individuals need, and any changes in an individual’s 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.

Reason for SUN Screening



- 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 **December 31, 2025**, there are **14,782¹** on the registry.
- From October – December of 2025, OCDD conducted **1,059** screenings.

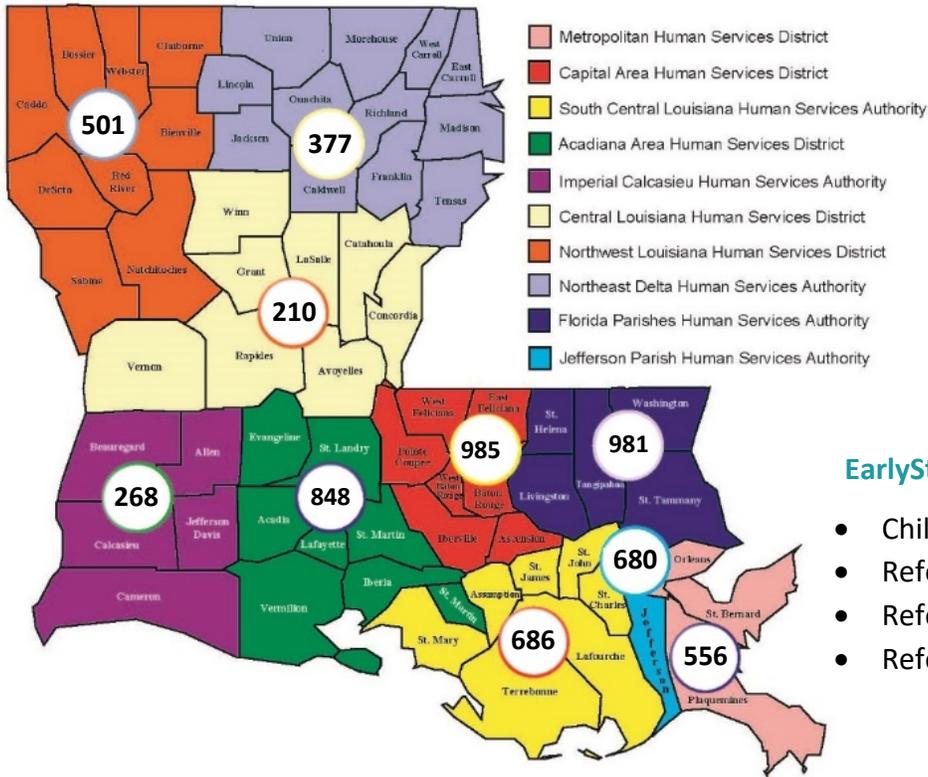
SUN Scores



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

EarlySteps

Children with active Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSP) by Region (as of 12/1/2025)



EarlySteps Child Count/Referrals

- Child count (as of 12/1/25): **6,092**
- Referrals October 2025: **1,333**
- Referrals November 2025: **995**
- Referrals December 2025: **971**