

Informing Families



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on Developmental Disabilities Issues in Washington State

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Individual and Family Services Program

Announcing the Availability of Funding

Thanks to last year's successful passage of the Individual and Family Services Act, the Division of Developmental Disabilities was appropriated \$4.9 million to serve nearly 1,300 additional families by the end of June 2009 and to combine all existing family support programs into one.

The good news is that funding is still available to serve more families in need of services to support their family member at home. The funding amount per family is based on assessed need and ranges between \$2,000-\$6,000 per year for approved services.

Individual and Family Services assist families in care giving roles, reduce the risk of going into crisis, and help their loved ones live safer, healthier lives. Funding for Individual and Family Services can be used to provide a variety of supports, including:

- ⚙ **Respite Care**
- ⚙ **Additional Therapies**
- ⚙ **Home & Vehicle Modifications**
- ⚙ **Equipment**
- ⚙ **Behavior Management**
- ⚙ **Excess Medical Costs & Co-Pays**
- ⚙ **Training**
- ⚙ **Parent/Sibling Education**
- ⚙ **Counseling**
- ⚙ **Recreational Opportunities**



If you are providing support to a family member with a developmental disability and are interested in receiving support services, please contact your DDD Case Resource Manager.



Need Help Finding a Respite Provider?

Many families report having a hard time finding someone to provide respite services. In addition to your DDD Case Resource Manager, the **Home Care Referral Registry** can help with the search. The **Registry** is a statewide database of In-Home Providers that's available for anyone receiving Medicaid-funded services. Based on your specific needs and preferences, The **Home Care Referral Registry** can create a list of pre-screened, pre-qualified individual providers available to work in your part of the state.



To access the **Registry**, complete an application request, or speak to **Registry** staff, call 1-800-970-5456 to be connected to the nearest office.