SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

MINUTES

October 15, 2015

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 12:00 Noon at the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Central Office, 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, South Carolina.

The following were in attendance:

COMMISSION

Present:
Bill Danielson, Chairperson
Fred Lynn, Vice Chairman
Eva Ravenel, Secretary
Mary Ellen Barnwell
Katherine Davis
Gary Lemel
Vicki Thompson

DDSN Administrative Staff

Dr. Buscemi, State Director; Mrs. Susan Beck, Associate State Director, Policy; Mr. David Goodell, Associate State Director, Operations; Mr. Tom Waring, Associate State Director, Administration; Mrs. Tana Vanderbilt, General Counsel (For other Administrative Staff see Attachment 1 – Sign In Sheet).

Guests

(See Attachment 1 Sign-In Sheet)

Coastal Regional Center (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 2 Sign-In Sheet)

Pee Dee Regional Center (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 3 Sign-In Sheet)

<u>Pickens County DSN Board (via videoconference)</u> (See Attachment 4 Sign-In Sheet)

Whitten Regional Center (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 5 Sign-In Sheet)

York County DSN Board (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 6 Sign-In Sheet)

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News Release of Meeting

Chairperson Danielson called the meeting to order and Commissioner Ravenel read a statement of announcement about the meeting that was mailed to the appropriate media, interested persons, and posted at the Central Office and on the website in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Invocation

Chairman Danielson gave the invocation.

Adoption of the Agenda

The Commission adopted the October 15, 2015 Meeting Agenda by unanimous consent. (Attachment A)

Approval of the Minutes of the September 17, 2015 Commission Meetings

The Commission approved the September 17, 2015 Commission Meeting minutes with a change by unanimous consent.

Public Input

Mrs. Susanne Johnson of Moncks Corner, SC spoke on behalf of the Parents and Guardians of the Coastal Center.

Commissioners' Update

Commissioners Thompson and Ravenel spoke of events in their districts.

Internal Audit Reviews of Room and Board

As previously discussed at the September 17, 2015 Commission Meeting, Dr. Buscemi spoke of two boards identified, CHESCO and Berkley Citizens, through the Room and Board review that had issues but were not related to HAP. She also noted that the Calhoun DSN Board had two HUD homes that were not identified in the BBB Report which would be reviewed by DDSN Internal Audit. She recommended to the Commission that DDSN cost share consumer reimbursements for these entities. Commissioner Lynn moved to accept the staff recommendation for DDSN to cost share at 50 percent for the entities mentioned. The motion was seconded and passed.

Disaster Preparedness

Dr. Buscemi spoke of the recent flood. Once everything settles, she would like staff to come speak of their experience with handling the situation. She stated she could not speak highly enough of the provider network and the Regional Centers in handling the disaster.

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Mr. Waring spoke of the agency's three-prong approach that is used in its Disaster Preparedness Plan – Communication technology, self-preserve in place and evacuate when conditions warrant.

Mr. Goodell stated the plan was put to test. He gave a brief summary of the impact the weather disaster had on the state. No consumers were seriously injured, however, consumers living in seventeen DDSN funded homes and seventeen apartments had to temporarily evacuate. The agency is in the process of accessing the damage at the Regional Centers. He stated we are also looking at what we can do better in preparation for another disaster.

LAC Work Session Report

Dr. Buscemi stated the LAC Report status was one of the topics of the morning Work Session. She reported that the agency would be looking at background checks and will be speaking with the providers regarding background checks as well as other topics. The agency will continue to implement LAC recommendations.

State Auditor Work Session Report

Dr. Buscemi stated that two state auditors spoke at the morning Work Session discussing the different reviews of DDSN could be completed. Discussion followed. Commissioner Ravenel made the motion to have a financial and performance audit of DDSN. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. Dr. Buscemi recommended the agency engage in the financial audit. Commissioner Lemel motioned to amend first motion to solely having a financial audit. Commissioner Ravenel withdrew her motion and then moved to have a financial audit for FY 2015. The motion was seconded. Dr. Buscemi asked for clarification as to whether she and staff work with the State Auditor's Office and solicit bids and move forward or bring back to the Commission for approval. Discussion followed. Clarifying the motion authorizes staff to work with the State Auditor's Office to solicit bids to conduct a financial audit and bring back to the Commission for approval of the selection of the State Auditor. The motion passed. The Finance and Audit Committee will come up will the objectives for a proposed performance audit.

Employee One-time Bonus

Dr. Buscemi stated that DDSN originally thought the funding appropriated for the employee bonus did include the provider network. The agency sought clarification when it became aware of a possible problem and discovered that the agency's initial interpretation was incorrect. Staff looked into internal finances to where the funding might come from without affecting services. Dr. Buscemi made the recommendation to the Commission to take \$1.8 million from projected excess revenue to provide an \$800.00 bonus to the provider network employees to maintain parity. Discussion followed. Commissioner Ravenel made the motion to give the providers bonuses. The

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motion was seconded and passed. Mr. Waring stated the bonuses will go out by the end of the month.

Greenwood Genetic Center

Dr. Steve Skinner provided a detailed presentation that focused on Greenwood Genetic Center's (GGC) 41-year partnership with DDSN. Dr. Skinner also spoke of the Center's process of developing a case to support additional fund raising. Chairman Danielson announced that Commissioner Thompson will fill the vacancy on GGC's Board. (Attachment B)

Employment Showcase

Ms. Melinda Moore, Chief Executive Officer of the Arc of the Midlands, and Ms. Mary Mack, Executive Director of Lee County DSN Board, and her staff, Ms. Elease Lloyd and Mr. David Ruth Sr., shared presentations highlighting their community-based employment programs. (Attachment C and D))

Financial Update

Mr. Waring gave a detailed analysis of the agency's financial activity for FY 2016. The agency's total operating funds balance as of September 30, 2015 is \$167,151,353. Mr. Waring added that the agency is on target with its goals. (Attachment E)

Waiting List Progress Report

Mrs. Beck shared a presentation with waiting list data from FY 2012 through FY 2016. She stated that all expansion slots will be rolled out by the end of the week and that we are continuing to see upward growth. Mrs. Beck also shared information on the Critical Needs List (CNL) which included charts reflecting the amount of services people are receiving as they are awaiting services. She spoke of the change in the critical needs definition from July 29, 2014 and the effect on the growth in the CNL. Meeting this criteria gives access to residential services. She added that identifying providers to serve unique needs is the biggest challenge. Mrs. Beck also gave an update of the Intellectual Disability/Related Disabilities, the Community Supports and the Head and Spinal Cord Injury reduction waiting list reduction efforts, as well as the Critical Needs List. (Attachment F)

State Director's Report

Dr. Buscemi reported on the following:

The grant awards have been signed for DDSN 50 percent share of costs for HUD room and board consumer repayment plans. Payment is scheduled for the last week of October. Eighteen room and board plans have been approved; 24 room and board plans are pending due to additional information being

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needed from the provider; and seven room and board plans submitted are yet to be reviewed.

DDSN will sponsor FOIA training for the provider network which includes all Executive Directors, Board of Director Members and Commissioners. Mr. Jay Bender, USC Law Professor and Legal Counsel to the SC Press Association has been contacted to provide the training. Training is expected to be scheduled in December. Video conferencing will be provided to increase access and record for later use.

Therap implementation continues. Presentations were provided at the recent SCAAIDD conference. Components are being provided online as they become available.

The budget request for the agency was submitted as approved by the Commission and per requirements of the state.

Dr. Buscemi shared that she was recently appointed as the new chairperson of the NASDDDS Research Committee.

The Autism Initiative RFP should go out today. The funding is related to the \$1 million in one-time funds appropriated to the agency for this specific purpose. The RFP specifies one-time use of funding and prioritizes entities who did not previously receive funding.

When asked about the status of the Administrative Contract and the compression and respite pay increase to providers, Dr. Buscemi responded that DDSN has no new update regarding the Administrative Contract and the provider network should receive the pay by the end of October.

The November Commission Meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2015 and will be held at the Pickens County DSN Board.

Executive Session

On motion of Commissioner Lemel, seconded and passed, the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters between DDSN and DHHS and between DDSN and Local Providers.

Enter into Public Session

The Commission entered into Public Session. It was noted that no action was taken in the Executive Session.

Adjournment

With no further business, Commissioner Ravenel adjourned the meeting.

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Submitted by,

Sandra J. Delaney

Approved:

Commissioner Eva Ravenel

Secretary

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Attachment 1

Commission Meeting
October 15, 2015

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12:00 Noon

Chairperson Bill Danielson

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

AGENDA

South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs 3440 Harden Street Extension Conference Room 251 Columbia, South Carolina

October 15, 2015

Call to Order

1.

2.	Welcome - Notice of Meeting Stateme	nt Commissioner Eva Ravenel
3.	Invocation	Commissioner Bill Danielson
4.	Introduction of Guests	
5.	Adoption of Agenda	
6.	Approval of the Minutes of the Septer	mber 17, 2015 Commission Meeting
7.	Public Input	
8.	Commissioners' Update	Commissioners
9.	Business:	
	 A. Internal Audit Reviews of Room and B. Disaster Preparedness C. LAC Work Session Report D. State Auditor Work Session Report E. Employee One-time Bonus F. Greenwood Genetic Center G. Employment Showcase H. Financial Update I. Waiting List Reduction Efforts 	Dr. Beverly Buscemi Dr. Beverly Buscemi
10.	State Director's Report	Dr. Beverly Buscemi
11.	Executive Session	

12. Next Regular Meeting (November 12, 2015)

13. Adjournment

GGC Update for DDSN

DDSN Commission Meeting
October 15,2015



Greenwood Genetic Center

Founded in 1974 by the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (**DDSN**) and the Self Foundation as a not-for-profit genetic institute.

Mission:

- provide clinical genetic services and diagnostic testing
- develop educational programs and materials
- conduct research in the field of medical genetics



The Focus of the Greenwood Genetic Center

Human Disabilities:

Intellectual Disabilities

Birth Defects

Autism



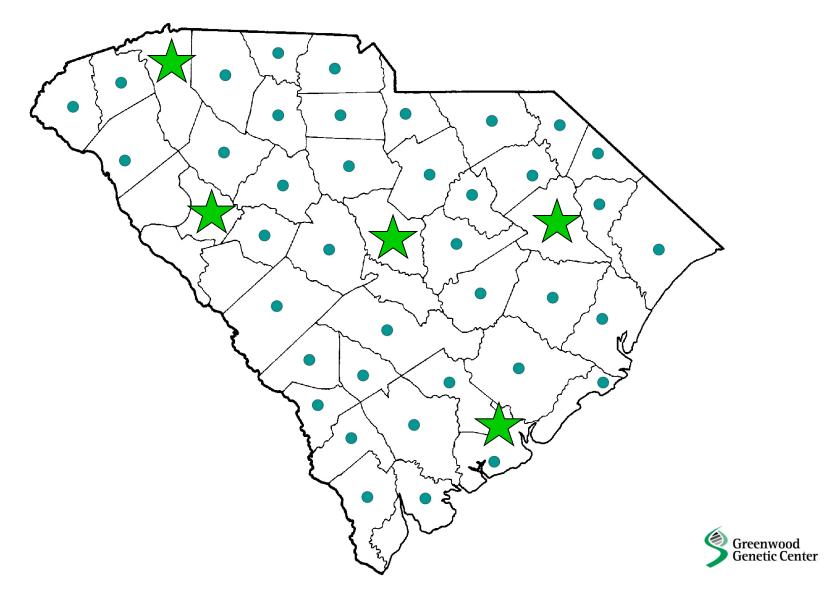
Major DDSN/GGC Initiatives

- A state-wide system of genetic services
- NTD Prevention Program
- Metabolic Treatment Program

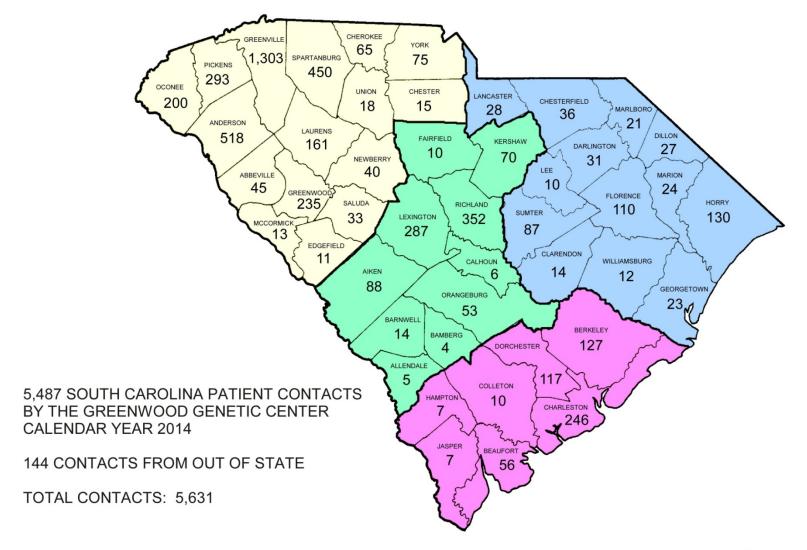
Autism Proviso for Research



State-Wide Reach



County of Residence for Patients Seen for Genetic Evaluation in 2014





Neural Tube Defects



Spina Bifida



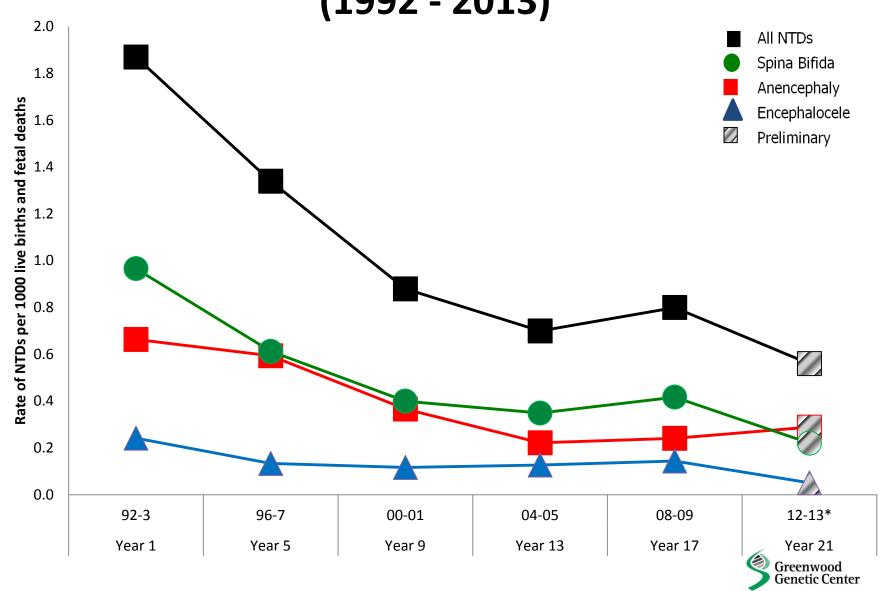
Anencephaly



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NTDs in South Carolina (1992 - 2013)





Economic Impact of NTD Prevention

- \$560,000 in direct medical cost/live born NTD
- 73 NTD preventions/year in S.C.
- Disregard the prevented anencephaly cases –

$$73 - 23 = 50$$
 cases

 $$560,000 \times 50 = $28,000,000 \text{ in annual savings}$

(Program cost: \$289,000 in state funds)



Newborn Screening and Metabolic Treatment Program

 Newborn Screening (PKU) in South Carolina began in 1962

- Several expansions in 70s 90s to include 6 conditions in early 2000s
- November 2004, major expansion to include over 33 conditions, 29 of which are treatable metabolic conditions

Metabolic Treatment Program

- Two teams:
 - 2 metabolic geneticists
 - 3 dieticians
 - 3 psychologists
 - 1 genetic counselor
 - 2 case coordinators
- Clinics in 5 locations across the state



Cost Savings for Prevention

- Life-time state costs for individual with severe intellectual disability - \$3,830,000
- Estimate 12 preventions per year

- \$3,830,000 x 12 = \$45,960,000 savings per year

(Program cost - \$1,489,221 in state dollars)



Autism

One of Three Conditions Served by SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

 Intellectual disability 	25 <i>,</i> 657 (76%)
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- Autism 6,434 (19%)
- Head/spinal cord injury 1,870 (5.5%)

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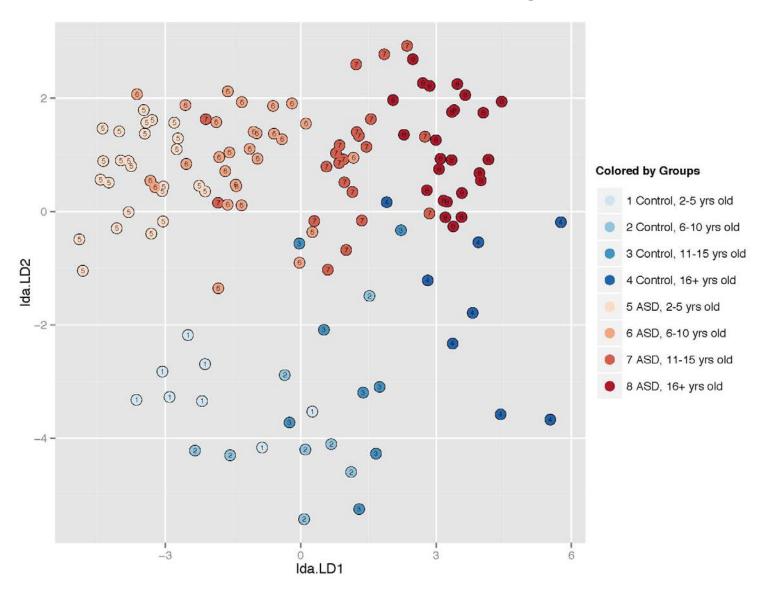


Current Autism Focus at GGC

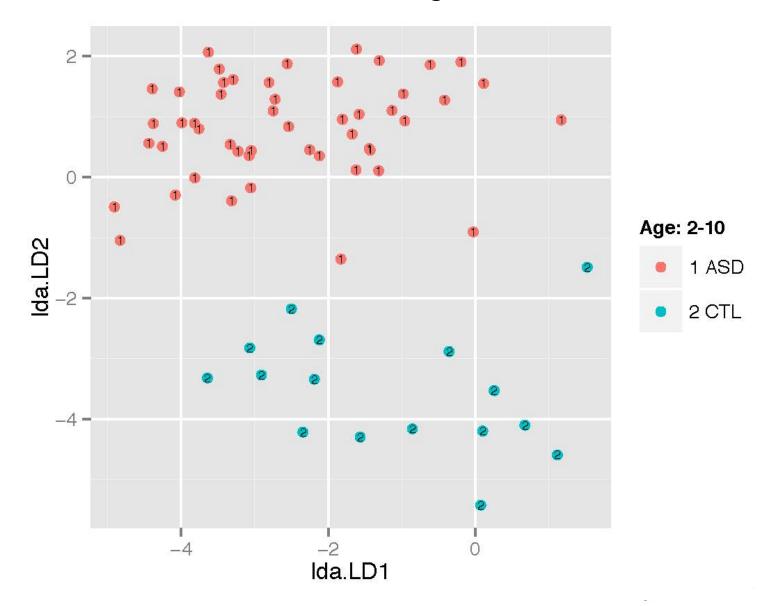
- A Diagnostic Blood Test
- A Phenomenon/Mechanism that explains a substantial portion of autism cases with ultimate goal of treatment



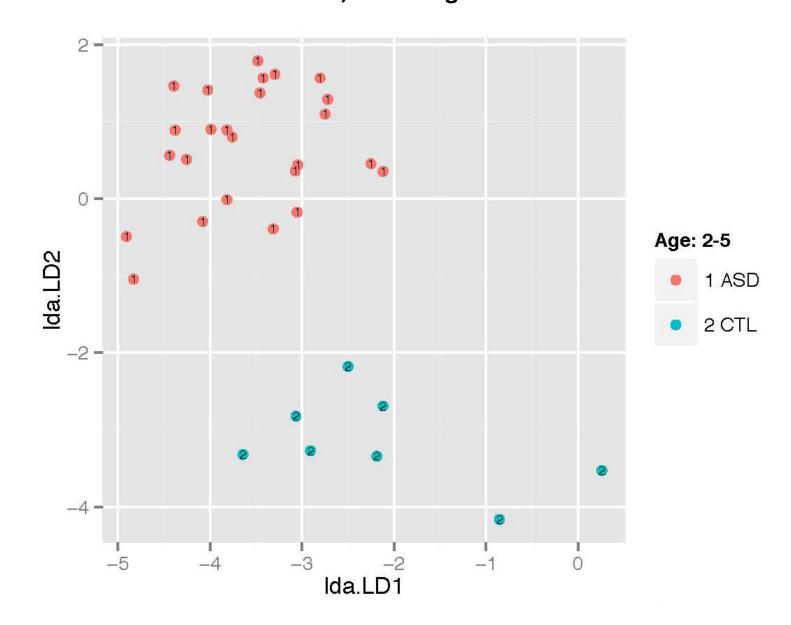
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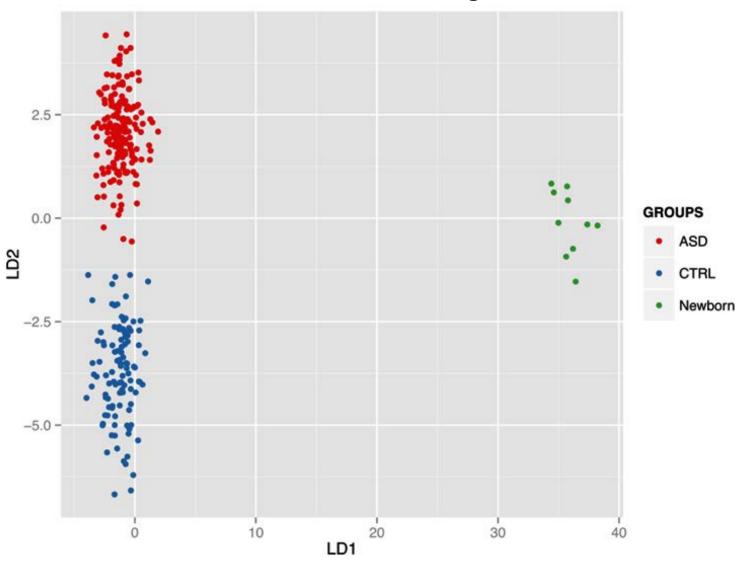
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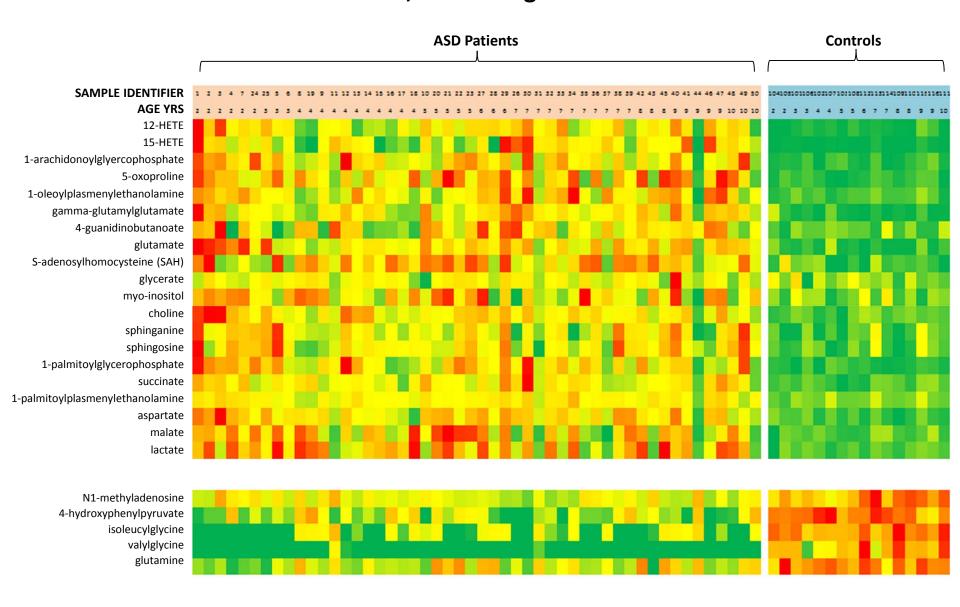
Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) Analysis of Metabolome Data Subcohort 1: 25 ASD, 8 TD – Ages 2-5 Years



LDA of Metabolome Data
Subcohorts 1 & 2: 136 ASD, 92 TD – Ages 2-10 Years



Highly Discriminating Metabolites 50 ASD, 16 TD – Ages 2-10 Years



Comments: Work To Do

- Determine how early in life test can be used
 - Cross sectional study
 - Prospective study
- What are the profiles of other neurodevelopmental disorders in this time period

Comments: Implications for Treatments

- Identify pathways and biological effects
- Strategies to return metabolites toward normal or mute adverse biological effects
 - Dietary
 - Pharmacologic
 - Other



Employment Partners



- Michael's Crafts
- Marriott Downtown
- Fatz Cafe
- Kohls
- Waffle House
- Amazon
- Fresh Market
- CW Resources Ft. Jackson
- Ryans
- Capital Karate Rosewood
- Sodexo USC
- Clarion Hotel
- Toys R Us
- CW Resources Shaw AFB
- Walmart
- Campbell Veterans Nursing
- ITology
- Soda City/arcBARKS!
- Microsoft

The Arc@Work SC

The Arc@Work creates a pipeline for youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) into inclusive, sustainable employment by building connections in state and federal government agencies. New employers unlock the talents of employees with Autism and related disabilities with access to tools like the TalentScout toolkit.

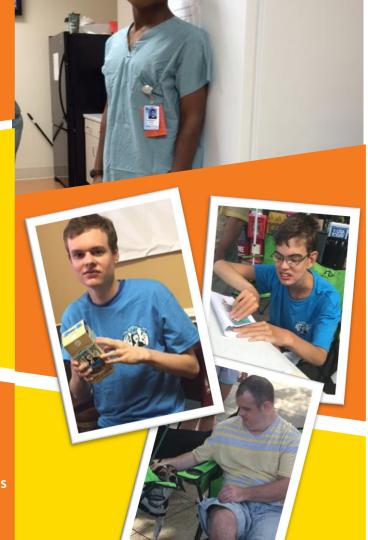
arcBARKS

The program was created by The Arc of Greensboro and replicated by The Arc of the Midlands in response to an increasing need for post-high school employment options for people with I/DD. The program is based on a self-funding business model to manufacture and sell all natural dog treats.

Specialisterne

Specialisterne is a fully integrative career interest and skills assessment for individuals diagnosed with high-functioning Autism Spectrums Disorders (ASD). This program helps identify and develop participants personal and professional strengths and matches them to employment opportunities with participating corporate employers.





Project SEARCH

Project SEARCH is a business-led school-to-work transitional model that creates and coordinates internships for high school students with I/DD.

Project allows students to make smooth transitions from school to careers, while positioning them to earn competitive wages.











LEE COUNTY DSN BOARD & LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"A GREAT PARTNERSHIP"

Presented

By

David Ruth Sr.

Employment Specialist

Lee County DSN Board

Bishopville, SC 29010

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Produced by E. Lloyd & David L. Ruth

Signing of School Janitorial Contracts Superintendent Dr. Wanda Andrews LCDN Board Executive Director Mary Mack



Janitorial Contract #1 Lee Central High School

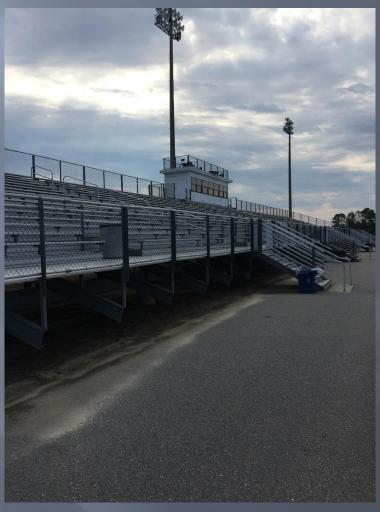


LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ENCLAVE



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LEE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM



Employing People With Disabilities 1/2011 esl

LEE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM



Employing People With Disabilities 1/2011 esl

LCSH Janitorial Crew



LCHS Janitorial Crew



Employing People With Disabilities 9/2014 dlr

LCHS Janitorial Contract



Employing People With Disabilities 9/2014 dlr

Contract #2 Lee Central Middle School



Employing People With Disabilities 9/2014 esl

LCMS Janitorial Crew



LCMS Janitorial Crew



LCMS Janitorial Crew



Tee Shirt Printing (On Site)



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Tee Shirt Printing



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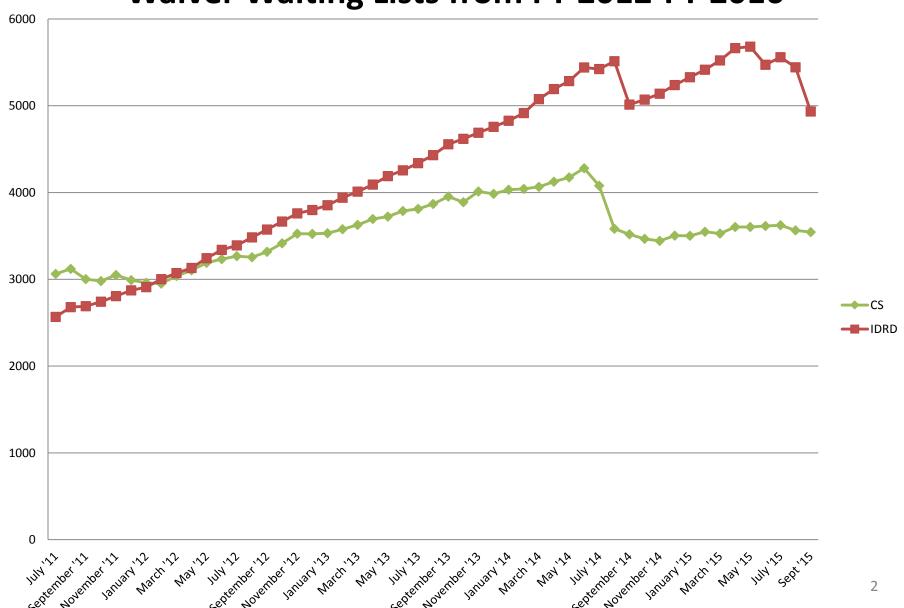
FINANCIAL POSITION ANALYSIS - OPERATING FUNDS FY 2016 AS OF 09/30/2015

	State Fund Revenue (Appropriations)	Earned Medicaid Revenue	Other Revenue and One-Time Carry Forward	Federal and Restricted Funds	Total
Activity through 09/30/2015			-		
Revenue	\$220,611,217	\$91,697,673	\$1,315,072	\$288,332	\$313,912,294
Carry Forward	\$1,030,471	\$1,912,919	\$969,009	\$135,055	\$4,047,454
Interfund Loan	(\$27,250,000)	\$25,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$250,000	\$0
Personal Services Expense	(\$11,258,638)	(\$3,484,897)		(\$59,687)	(\$14,803,222)
Fringe & Benefit Expense	(\$5,027,315)	(\$1,661,521)		(\$27,475)	(\$6,716,311)
Other Operating Expense	(\$31,376,144)	(\$97,820,878)	(\$90,655)	(\$1,185)	(\$129,288,862)
Balance as of 09/30/2015 per Financial System	\$146,729,591	\$15,643,296	\$4,193,426	\$585,040	\$167,151,353

Attachment F

DDSN Commission

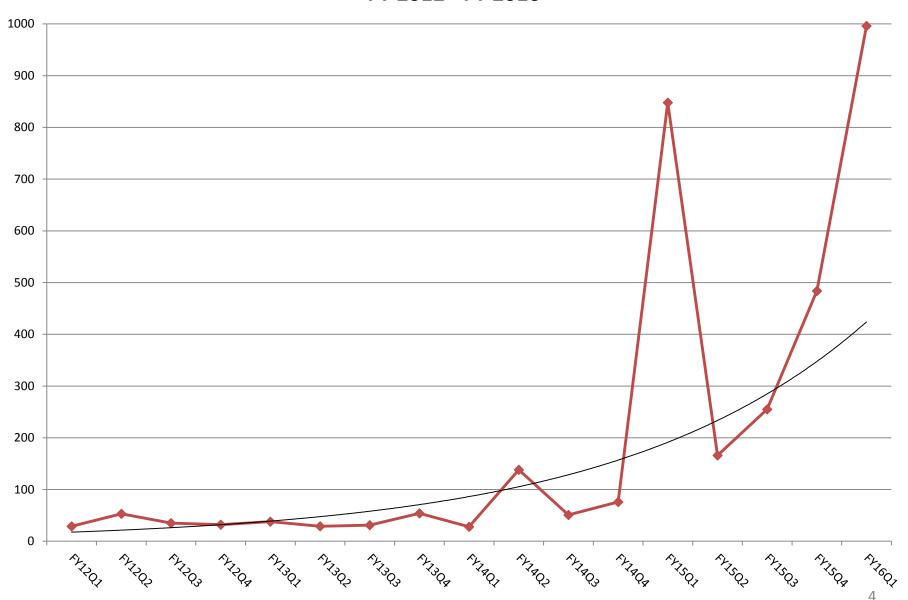
Waiver Waiting Lists from FY 2012-FY 2016



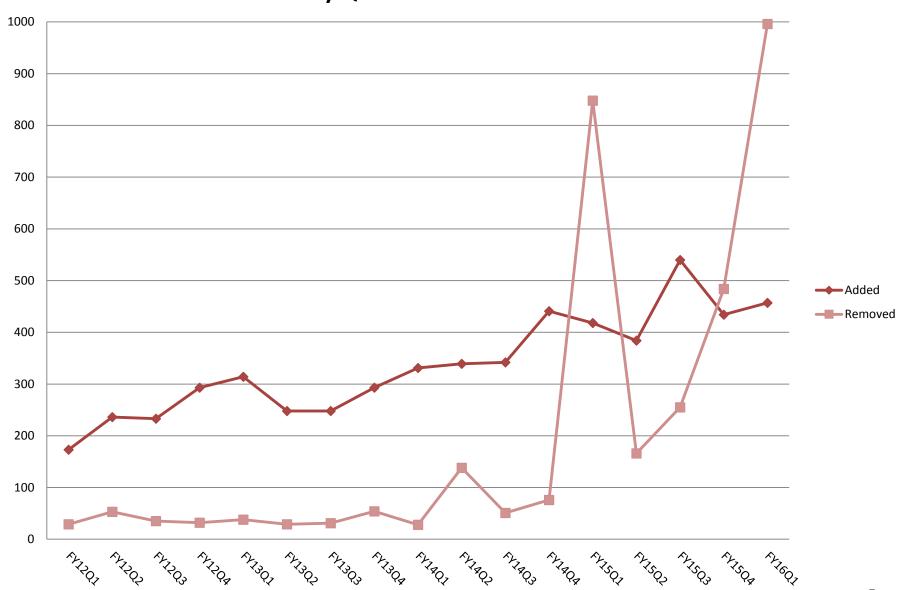
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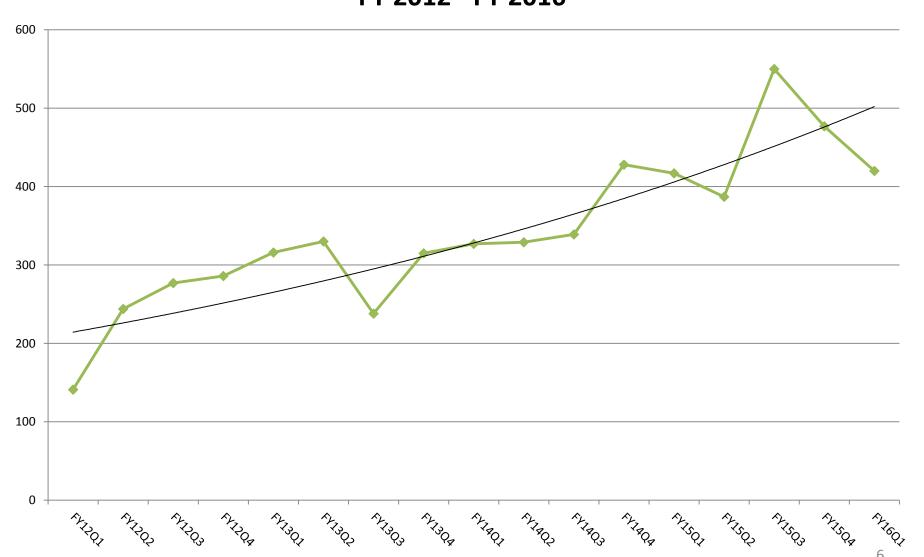
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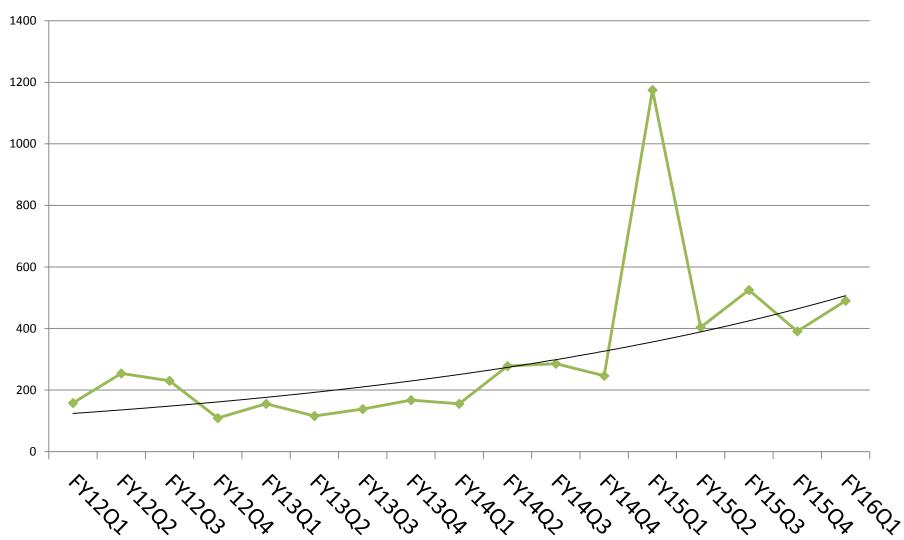
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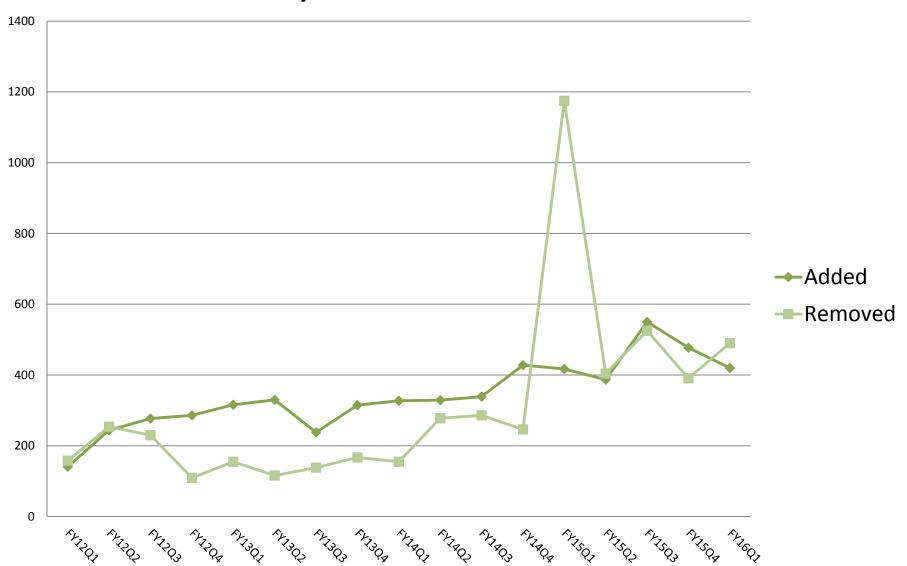
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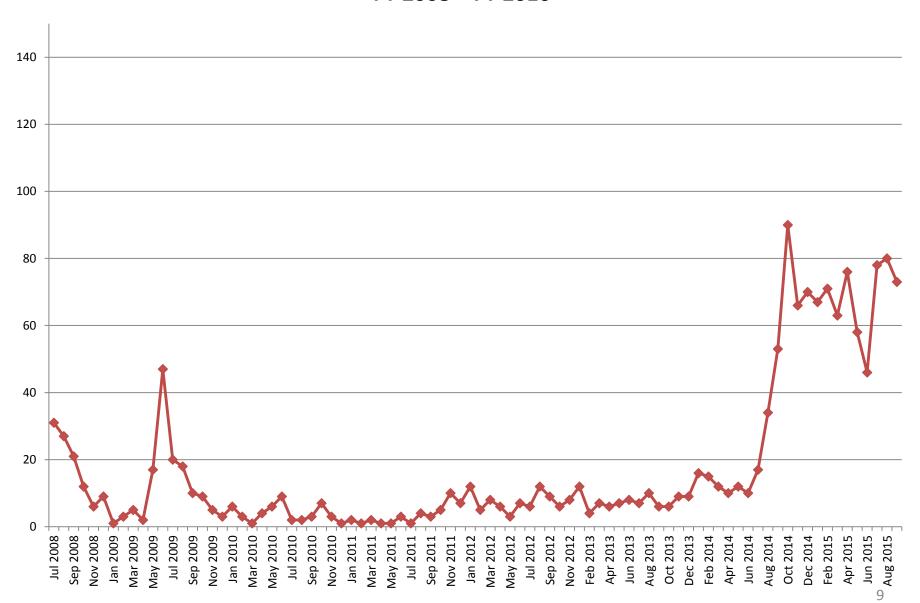
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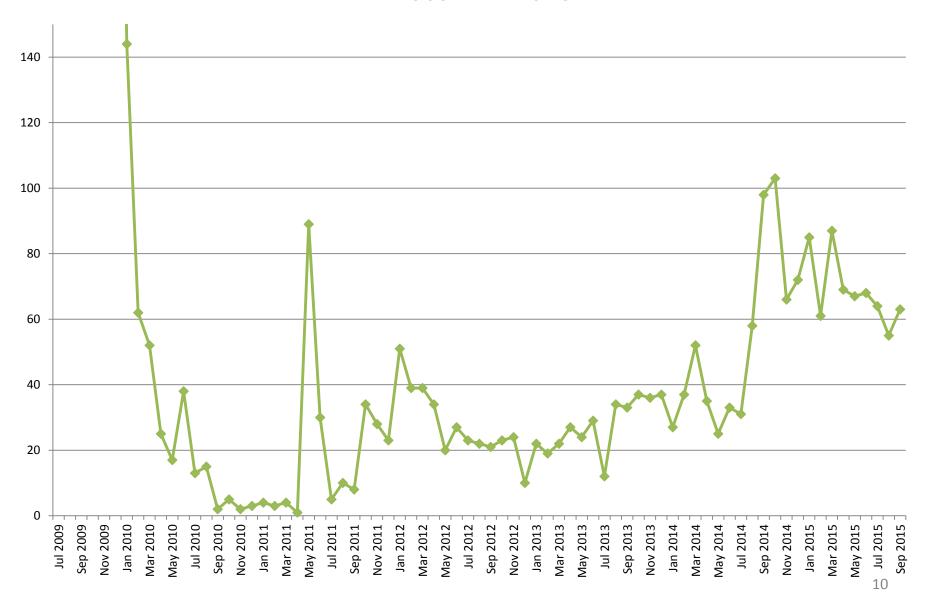
Comparing Additions and Removals from the CS Waiting List by Quarter FY 2012 - FY 2016



Individuals Enrolled in the ID/RD Waiver by Month (At Home Slots) FY 2008 – FY 2016



Individuals Enrolled in the CS Waiver by Month FY 2009 – FY 2016



Potential Factors/Causes of Delays for Enrollment

- Case Manager (CM) contacts challenges/delays in addressing case
- Family responsiveness/decision-making/access to necessary evaluation or financial records
- CM staffing volume at the provider level
- CM workload volume and crises
- DDSN Eligibility determination delays due to lacking records
- Medicaid eligibility determination delays due to lacking records (e.g., VR disability determinations, financial)
- Medicaid Sponsored Worker caseload volume/responsiveness
- DHHS waiver enrollment processing delays
- Service Provider responsiveness/capacity to serve individual
- Family difficult to contact

Waiting List Reduction Project (SCDHHS, SCDDSN & Providers) Improvement Actions

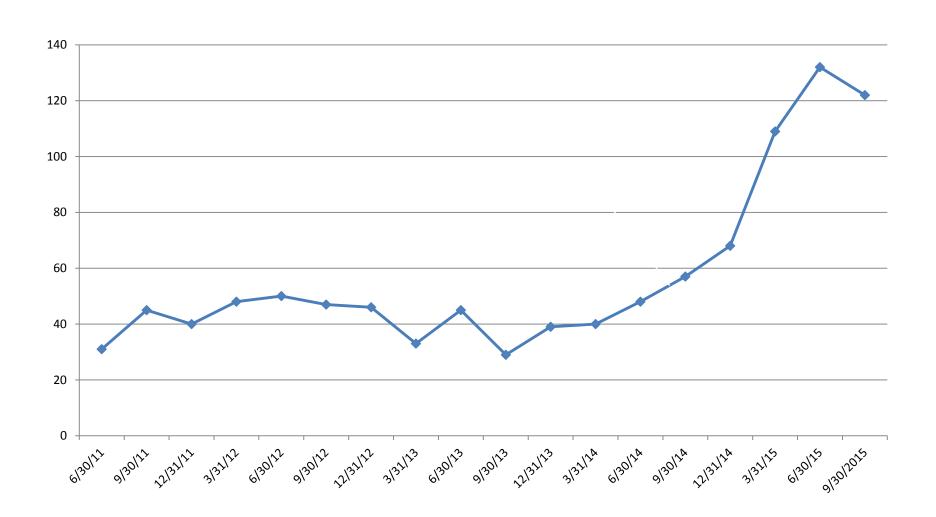
- Waiting list management: contact with individuals every 6 months to re-verify contact information
- Non-cooperation process developed
- Sponsored workers prioritize Medicaid Eligibility based on pending report provided by DDSN.
- Weekly progress tracking
- Monthly pending reports submission to aid problem-solving and provide additional supports to providers
- When records are unavailable, new psychological evaluations are being requested to get the assessment information
- Waiver enrollment in DHHS system and communication of enrollment has been streamlined
- DDSN Sponsored Worker program meetings to problem-solve processing and communication needs
- CM provider is able to discuss case with Sponsored Worker using DHHS Release form
- DDSN hired an additional waiver enrollment staff member at our district office in order to ensure staffing is not a cause of delay
- DDSN began awarding State-Funded Case Management upon slot award in order to prevent delays while providers attempted to get Medicaid Targeted Case Management
- Provided additional support and management to waiver enrollment staff at district office

Change in Critical Needs Definition 7/29/2014

Determination of Critical Needs Directive 502-05-DD

- A critical need is defined as a life-threatening situation that requires immediate action. A
 critical need is also defined as a situation that presents imminent risk of jeopardizing the
 individual's health, safety and welfare. Life threatening or imminent risk of life
 threatening situations typically are limited to situations where the individual:
- 1) Has been recently abused/neglected/exploited by the primary caregiver;
- 2) Is homeless (to include situations where the individual is being discharged from an alternative placement and is unable to return to a family member's home or live independently);
- 3) Has seriously injured self or others and continues to pose a threat to the health and safety of self or others; or
- 4) Has been judicially admitted to DDSN;
- 5) Has recently lost a primary caregiver or is at imminent risk of losing a primary caregiver; or
- 6) Has a primary caregiver 80 years of age or older with diminished ability to provide care that is likely to continue indefinitely due to the caregiver's physical or mental status and lack of an alternative caregiver. Care is being provided now, but it is clear that the need for services is imminent, because the caregiver will soon be unable to provide care and no other caregivers are available.

Critical Needs List FY 2011- FY 2016



Critical Needs Pie Chart Definitions

Waiver Services/Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services: in-home waiver service package or state plan behavioral health services are in place

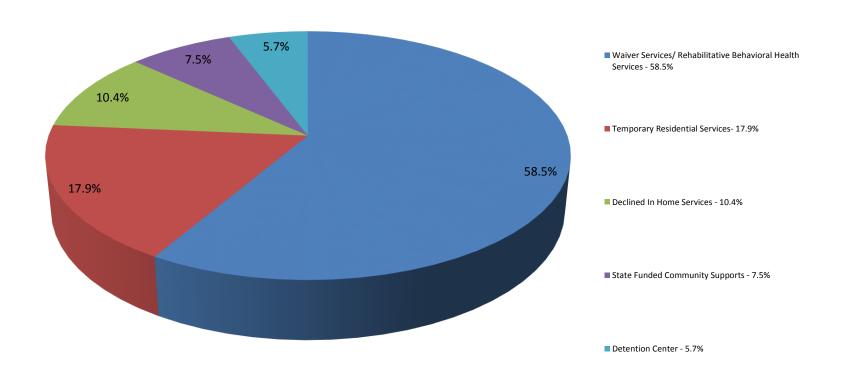
<u>Temporary Residential Services</u>: a temporary placement such as a regional center or psychiatric residential treatment facility has been made

<u>Declined In-Home Services</u>: individual/family declined in-home services while awaiting residential services

<u>State-Funded Community Supports</u>: receiving a package of supports including case management, respite and day programming

<u>Detention Center</u>: incarcerated due to being charged with a crime, may have been determined not competent to stand trial

Services Received by Persons on Critical Needs List 10/6/15



Critical Needs List Factors

Length of Time on List Depends on a Variety of Individual Factors :

- Identification of a provider to serve unique needs
- Regulatory requirements (e.g. delays due to Fire Marshall requirements for sprinkler in new residential development)
- Individual/family choice of location of service

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Waiting List Reduction Efforts As of October 1, 2015

Waiting List	Number of Individuals Removed from Waiting Lists	Consumer/Fami	Number of Individuals	
		Number of Individuals Enrolled in a Waiver	Number of Individuals Opted for Other Services/ Determined Ineligible	Services are Pending
Intellectual Disability/Related Disabilities	2,581	931	636	1,014
Community Supports	2,904	868	1,441	595
Head and Spinal Cord Injury	582	267	138	177
		2,066	2,215	
Total	6,067	4,281		1,786

Waiting List *	Number of Individuals Added Between July 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015	Number of Individuals Waiting as of October 1, 2015
Intellectual Disability/Related		
Disabilities	2,227 (445 since 7/1/15)	4,934
Community Supports	2,251 (408 since 7/1/15)	3,544
Total	4,478	8,478

^{*} There is no longer a Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Waiver waiting list.

^{**} Approximately 33 percent of 8,478 are duplicated names.