

THE PENNSYLVANIA WAITING LIST CAMPAIGN

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THE FACTS ARE ...

Pennsylvania Waiting List Campaign Fact Sheet Fall 2015

The Pennsylvania Waiting List Campaign's goal is to end the devastation of Waiting Lists for persons with intellectual disability who are in need of services through the Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs (ODP). These people are entitled to institutional care but choose to wait for home and community based services through the ODP Waiver Programs.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES ARE WAITING?

TOTAL WAITING LIST = 13,745

Emergency Needs Category (need services immediately) = 4,494

Critical Needs Category (need services within 2 years) = 5,657

Planning Needs Category (need services within 5 years) = 3,594

July 31, 2015

What do we know about the people on the waiting list?

- July 2015 PUNS report shows 33 people came off the waiting list – “all needs met”; while 1,953 new people were added to the PUNS list – including 701 individuals in Emergency Need.
- Most people are living with and being cared for by their family (84%) and some are living with friends or on their own (7%).
- Of the 11,594 people living with families, only 1,960 are waiting for a 24/7 staffed group home. Services most requested by people living with families are individual supports like Habilitation, Transportation, Employment and Respite.
- There are 757 individuals in Emergency Need and 1,742 in Critical Need who have caregivers over 60 years old.
- There are 783 individuals who are 21 years old and are losing EPSDT and School services. They need services to successfully transition from school to adult life in the community.

Pennsylvania needs a plan to eliminate the Emergency List of 4,494 people immediately and serve all the 700 high school graduates each year.

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End the Wait!**