



agency for persons with disabilities
State of Florida

Introduction and Overview

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Rick Scott
Governor

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Director



The Agency's Mission



The Agency Supports Persons with Developmental Disabilities in Living, Learning, and Working in their Community.



Agency Priorities

APD is focused on five priorities and works to meet and exceed these priorities every day:

- ❖ **Fiscal Accountability** - APD operates within the limits set forth in the General Appropriations Act.
- ❖ **Quality Services** - Ability to measure and track performance to ensure the highest quality care.
- ❖ **Employment** - People with developmental disabilities who desire work are competitively employed.
- ❖ **Waiting List** - APD adopts national and local best practices to serve people on the waiting list efficiently and effectively.
- ❖ **Thriving Providers/Businesses** - Review rates, evaluate, and reduce regulatory hurdles to enable providers to serve customers with the highest standards of health and safety.



Who Do We Serve?

People age 3 and up who have one or more of the following diagnoses :

- ❖ Autism
- ❖ Cerebral Palsy
- ❖ Down Syndrome
- ❖ Intellectual Disability
- ❖ Prader-Willi Syndrome
- ❖ Spina Bifida
- ❖ Phelan-McDermid Syndrome
- ❖ Children at High Risk (age 3-5)



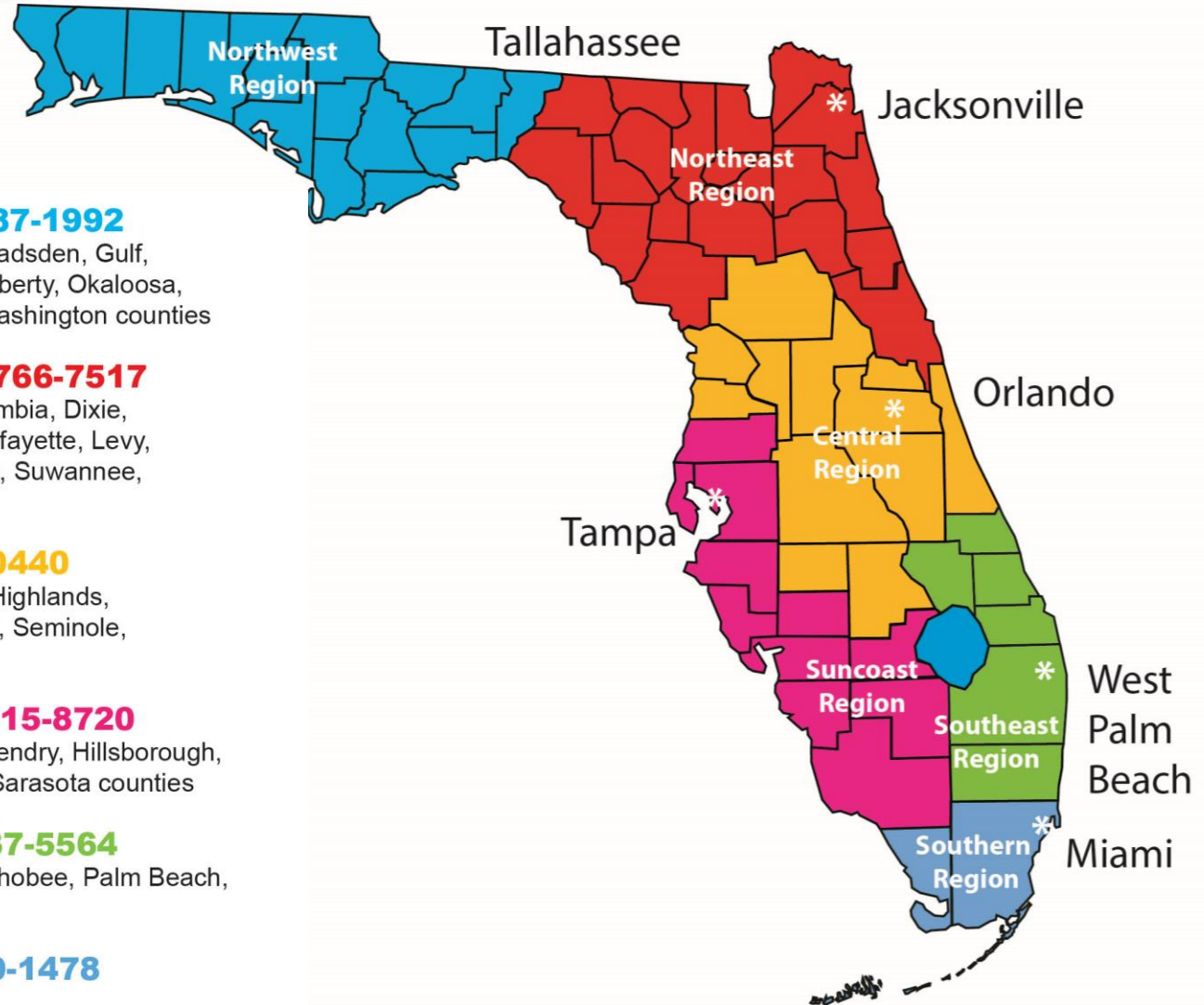


How Do We Carry Out The Agency's Mission?





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Northwest Region 850-487-1992

Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington counties

Northeast Region 1-844-766-7517

Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, and Volusia counties

Central Region 407-245-0440

Brevard, Citrus, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, and Sumter counties

Suncoast Region 1-800-615-8720

Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, and Sarasota counties

Southeast Region 561-837-5564

Broward, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie counties

Southern Region 305-349-1478

Dade and Monroe counties



Community Programs and Services

- iBudget Florida - Home and Community Based Services Waiver
- Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+)
- Individual and Family Supports (IFS)
Funding for non waiver customer



Services

- Support Coordination
- Life Skills (Companion, Supported Employment, Adult Day Training)
- Personal Supports in own home or family home
- Supported Living Coaching in own home
- Supplies and equipment
- Residential Services in licensed facilities
- Therapeutic Supports and Wellness
- Transportation
- Dental Services for Adults



iBudget Florida

- Algorithm and individual review to determine budget allocation
- Over 32,00 Floridians Served
- Provides greater flexibility and control over services
- Waiver Support Coordinator can facilitate services changes within budget allocation



Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+)

- CDC+ is an option for people in iBudget – provides further flexibility - can save funds to use for large purchase and across fiscal years
- Can hire service providers who are not Medicaid providers



Individual and Family Supports

- Provides temporary services to alleviate emergencies
- Funds the same services as the iBudget waiver
- Provides supported employment support for individuals on the waiting list



Strategies for the Future

- Transition planning at least at age 16
- Local interagency teams focus
- Improving recruitment of foster homes for special needs population
- In home supports to parents or family members to encourage return to a family home and avoid group home placement
- Working in partnership with GAL, CBCs, DCF for improved practices



Reunification and Adoption

- Wide range of services are available to assist the family from Medicaid State Plan
- Wide range of services available from APD
- Early planning is essential
- Local interagency teams focus
- Seek alternate family members and offer services to avoid group home placements if parents are not able to have child return home



Extended Foster Care

- APD waiver and extended foster care can occur together
- Residential Habilitation costs if applicable will be paid by APD starting at age 18
- Need good choice counseling for youth
- Use of Medicaid State Plan services should be emphasized



Waiting List

- Over 20,00 individuals – some waiting over 10 years
- Chapter 393, F.S. - Categorized by priority
- Florida Administrative Code 65G-1.046 and 65G-1.047 governs the crisis enrollment process
- About 2,500 people were offered enrollment on iBudget Florida waiver in FY15-16

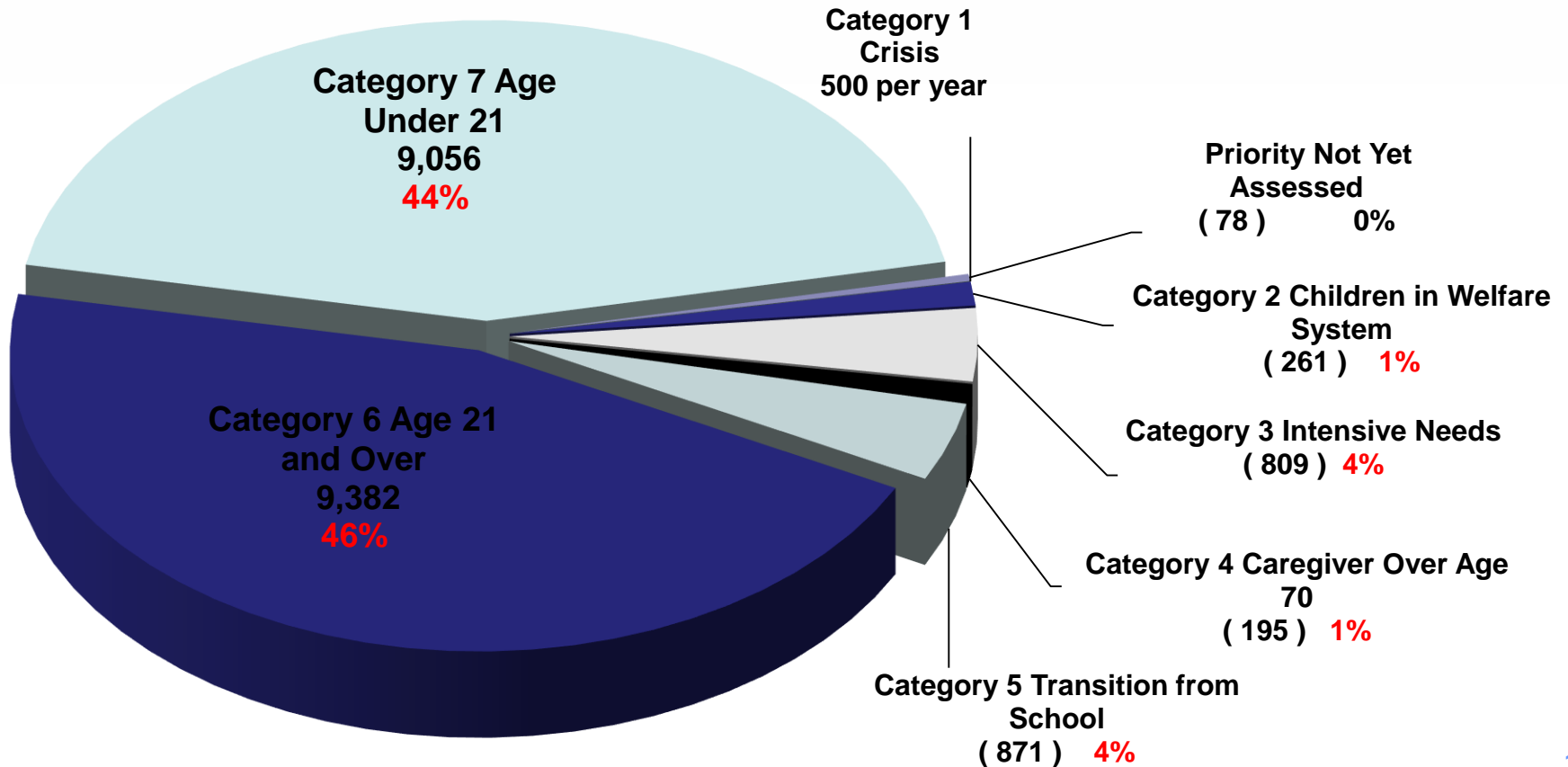


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Category 1 is Crisis

Individuals in crisis are enrolled onto the waiver, and therefore are not considered to be waiting for services.

March 1, 2016





Legislative Highlights for FY 16-17

- **\$1.31 billion for APD** which is an increase of \$100 million over the prior year. This is a historic financial commitment to individuals with developmental disabilities in Florida. This is the largest budget amount ever appropriated to APD.
- **\$36.4 million to offer waiver enrollment** to people in Category 3,4 and individuals in Category 6 (who live in the family home, are at least 30 years old, have been on the waiver waiting list for 10 years, and a high level of need). The money is expected to enroll more than 1,300 people into the iBudget waiver.
- **\$2.5 million to offer waiver enrollment** to approximately 55 people with Phelan-McDermid syndrome.



- Questions?
- Comments?

THANK YOU!



For more information about APD:

- ▶ **Call 1-866-APD-CARES (1-866-273-2273)**
- ▶ **Visit APDCares.org**

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