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UPDATE ON FOSTER CARE CHILDREN ON THE APD WAIVER WAIT LIST

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Determining Order of Wait List Enrollment to Waiver Services

1. Crisis needs (homelessness, danger to self or others, or caregiver unable to give care) served first;
2. Children in Community Based Care
3. Wait list Date order;

F.S. 393.065, Priority Consideration for DCF/CBC Children: Current Status

- ❖ In FY 2006/2007, a total of 337 waiver offers were made to DCF/CBC children
- ❖ During FY 2006/2007, the only new waiver offers made were for those who either met crisis criteria, were DCF/CBC children, or were Brown vs. Bush class members (who receive a specific appropriation for enrollment)
- ❖ During the end of FY 2006/2007, in light of projected waiver deficits, APD stopped new waiver enrollment. APD did honor the previous offers already made to DCF/CBC children who were “in the process” of being enrolled into the waiver
- ❖ During FY 2007/2008, with ongoing projected waiver deficits, APD was directed in the SB 2800 Conference Report to limit enrollment to only people in crisis and only through attrition.
- ❖ DCF/CBC children continue to be added to the waitlist, and as directed in statute, these children will receive priority consideration for waiver enrollment when the agency is enrolling people from the waitlist

Priority Consideration for DCF/CBC Children

During the 2006 legislative session, F.S. 393.065(5) was amended to read, “With the exception of clients deemed to be in crisis whom the agency shall serve as described in rule, the agency shall place at the top of its waitlist for waiver services those children on the waitlist who are from the child welfare system with an open case in the Department of Children and Family Services statewide automated child welfare information system.”

To comply, APD has:

- ❖ In collaboration with DCF, developed an operating procedure for the identification and enrollment of these children
- ❖ Developed a process to give these children priority consideration on the waitlist when the agency is able to offer new waiver enrollment from the waitlist
- ❖ Periodically shares and disseminates data with DCF to monitor the status of DCF/CBC children on the waitlist and DCF/CBC children who are currently receiving waiver services

Priority Consideration for DCF/CBC Children: How Many?

As of December 2007, there were 226 DCF/CBC children on the APD waiver waitlist. Approximately 15-20 DCF/CBC children are added to the waitlist each month.

December 2007 DCF/CBC children waiver caseloads	
Home and Community Based Waiver	386
Family Supported Living Waiver	143
Consumer Directed Care Waiver	1
Total	529

Priority Consideration for DCF/CBC Children: What Waiver Services?

Total Expenditures (FSL and HCBS combined)	
FY 06/07 Waiver Expenditures	\$12,175,691
FY 06/07 Room and Board expenditures	\$211,364
FY 06/07 IFS expenditures	\$397,724

FY 06/07 costs of specific waiver services being provided (FSL and HCBS combined)	
Residential Habilitation (supervision and training)	\$9,225,247
Support Coordination	\$663,821
Behavioral Services	\$513,249
Specialized Medical Home Care	\$356,349
Consumable Medical Supplies	\$307,198
Non Residential Support Services (eliminated through SB1124)	\$224,577
In Home Support and Services	\$212,241
Personal Care Assistance	\$145,723

Priority Consideration for DCF/CBC Children FY 07/08 Outlook

- ❖ Due to ongoing projected waiver deficits, enrollment of any DCF/CBC children through priority consideration during FY 07/08 is not likely. These children are not excluded from applying for the waiver through the crisis process.
- ❖ Waiver expenditures for DCF/CBC children through mid-December 2007 were \$ 6.29 million, with estimated projected FY 07/08 total expenditures of \$13.72 million, a 12% increase over FY 06/07
- ❖ The majority of the projected increase in waiver costs are in residential habilitation services
- ❖ Based on current trends of the number of DCF/CBC children added to the waitlist each month, there will likely be 320-345 DCF/CBC children on the waitlist at the end of the fiscal year
- ❖ AHCA is currently pursuing an amendment to Florida's Home and Community Based Waiver application with the Center for Medicaid Services to allow for DCF/CBC children to receive priority consideration from the waitlist.