

# Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

## Fall 2024 Roadshow

# OCDD Waiver Data

	Annual Number of Waiver Participants	Total Annual Waiver Service Payments	Monthly Average Cost of Waiver Per Participant
SFY 2021	12,283	\$542,922,366	\$3,679
SFY 2022	12,551	\$593,417,775	\$3,936
SFY 2023	13,161	\$653,610,377	\$4,113
SFY 2024	13,547	\$660,186,760	\$4,060

# Intermediate Care Facility / IID Data

Bed Size	Number Facilities	Number Residents		Number of Residents
4 – 8 beds	454	2,902	SFY 2021	3,868
9 – 15 beds	23	265	SFY 2022	3,810
16 – 32 beds	2	42	SFY 2023	3,771
33+ beds	2	171	SFY 2024	3,727

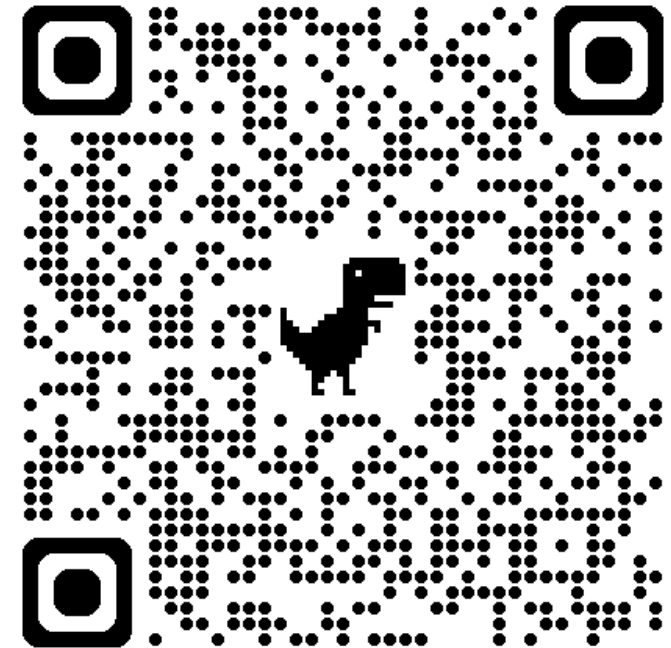
# EarlySteps Data

Calendar Year	Child Count
2021	8,909
2022	10,194
2023	11,650
2024	10,344 (through 9/26/2024)

# OCDD Major Activities

# Value-Based Payments

- Value-based payment (VBP) programs where providers are rewarded with incentive payments for meeting predetermined value/performance indicators.
- With a VBP program you can design your model around what the payor/state identify as *value*.
- OCDD held several focus groups comprising of self-advocates, families, local governing entities (LGEs) and others to help determine *value*.
- The feedback from these groups guided OCDD in the development of eight performance indicators.
- Next steps:
  - OCDD's amendments were posted on 10/30/2024. You can review the amendments by scanning the QR code or at <https://ldh.la.gov/page/2526>.
  - The amendments will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) after the close of the comment period on 11/30/2024.
  - Evaluation and payout periods—1/1/2025-12/31/2025



# Value-Based Payments Performance Indicators

- The following indicators were developed based on feedback and will be submitted to CMS for approval:
  - Incentive Payments for LDH/OCDD direct support providers who demonstrate their staff is National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD) certified direct support professionals.
  - Incentive Payments for LDH/OCDD direct support providers who demonstrate their non-licensed professional staff who deliver home- and community-based services have maintained continuous employment for a certain time.
  - Incentive payments for direct support providers implementing person-centered hiring practices.
  - Incentive payments for LDH/OCDD support coordination (SC) agencies that have their identified trainer complete the State Employment Leadership training course and demonstrate that their trainer has provided this training to all SCs employed in their agency.

# Value-Based Payments Performance Indicators

- The following indicators were developed based on feedback and will be submitted to CMS for approval:
  - Incentive Payments for LDH OCDD waiver providers (direct support professionals (DSPs) and SCs) who close critical incidents within 30 days.
  - Incentive Payments for LDH OCDD waiver providers who complete the National Core Indicator (NCI) State of the Workforce Survey and subsequent annual NCI-IDD State of the Workforces Surveys.
  - Incentive Payments for LDH OCDD waiver providers whose families agree their support coordinator has adequately explained the waiver process and can thoroughly answer questions.
  - Establish technology based incentives for agencies that implement OCDD approved technology enhancements.



# Technology Supports

- Expanding technology options in all 4 waivers through phases
- Initial phase includes assistive technology with remote features and smart technology
  - Examples: Medication reminder systems, tablets, augmentative / alternative communication devices, wearable technology, entry systems, smart home assistance devices for environmental control
- Initial support coordinator training was completed on October 30, 2024.
- Additional information coming soon, including:
  - Free webinars
  - State-wide technology demonstrations
  - Video library and educational resources

# National Center for START Services Initiative

## Assessment recommendations:

- Need for strategic partnerships
- Enhancement of Resource Center systems
- Data collection, reporting and ongoing analysis to ensure care provided is effective, including cost effective
- Need for didactic and participatory training of all stakeholders and providers across spectrum
- Review of telehealth to improve access
- Dissemination strategies to ensure awareness and access
- Consider best practices, inclusion, and accommodation with mental health services

# Outreach Opportunities

- Plan to increase community outreach opportunities with workgroups and advisory groups.
- Established a Self-Direction Advisory Group in January 2024
- Established a Self-Direction Quarterly meeting
- Establishing a Self-Advocate Advisory Group
- We'll let you know when we have outreach opportunities; keep an eye out for more information.

# Vocational Redesign



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## Day Habilitation/Community Life Engagement (CLE)

- Goals: Develop social skills, practice self-determination and decision-making skills, learn responsibility, increase independence, practice financial literacy, and learn to navigate their community safely.
- Done in the community, inclusive of people without disabilities

## Community Life Engagement Development (CLED)

- Goals: to connect individuals to activities that reflect their areas of interest and foster the development of meaningful relationships and increased membership in their community.
- Some examples: community involvement, volunteering, recreational activities, or clubs.
- Done in the community, inclusive of people without disabilities

## Prevocational & Community Career Planning (CCP)

- Supports person in gathering information that will help determine areas of interests and developing an individual *roadmap* to employment to get the job they want.
- Done in the community, inclusive of people without disabilities for activities like, internships, mentoring opportunities, volunteering, job exploration and shadowing, and business tours

# Vocational Redesign Changes Implemented

## Group Employment

- Helps create sustained, paid employment and work experience to further career development
- Includes: Job assessment, discovery, and development; and initial job support, job retention, and follow along
- Provides services and training activities in regular business, industry, or community settings where person is paid
- Group employment does not include volunteer work or vocational services in a facility-based work setting.

## Individual supported employment

- Work-based assessment
- Job development and placement
- Initial job supports and stabilization
- Extended job supports
- Follow along supports
- Help support an individual in determining job interests, finding a job, learning the job tasks, and maintaining employment.

# HCBS Waiver Rates

- Night rate increase
  - Effective 10/1/2024
- Rate study in process
  - Milliman is contractor to complete
  - Opportunities for input from all stakeholders
  - Help to inform objective measures for rate
  - Rate kick off meeting was held October 28, 2024
  - The slides will be available on the OCDD website
  - If you have any questions please contact Milliman at [LAHCBS@milliman.com](mailto:LAHCBS@milliman.com)

# Federal Regulations



# Settings Rule

- On March 17, 2014, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Settings rule
- Currently under a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for the HCBS Settings Rule, which will end December 31, 2024. Only providers/settings who are in compliance may continue to provide Medicaid waiver services.
- Final validation onsite visits for Day Habilitation and Employment providers have been completed.

# Access Rule

- Person-Centered Service Planning and Reporting Requirements
- Incident Management Systems and Critical Incident Reporting Requirements
- FFS Grievance Systems
- HCBS Payment Adequacy Reporting Requirements
- HCBS Payment Adequacy Minimum Performance Level
- Waiting List and Access Reporting Requirements
- HCBS Quality Measure Set and Reporting Requirements
- Website Transparency
- Medicaid Advisory Committee/Beneficiary Advisory Committee

# OCDD Budget

# Budget Planning Process

- Budget planning starts in June/July for the next fiscal year (in June/July of 2024, we start planning for 2025-2026)
- We are required to have a balanced budget.
- Here is the approval process:
  - July-September: OCDD begins the planning process for the next fiscal year
  - September/October: OCDD → LDH
  - November/December: LDH → Division of Administration
  - January-March: Division of Administration → Governor
  - March/April: Governor/Division of Administration → Legislature
  - May/June: Legislature passes a budget
  - July 1: New fiscal year starts

# OCDD Budget Update for Fiscal Year 2024

## Central Office Means of Financing:

State General Fund:	\$43,250,725
Inter-Agency Transfer:	\$2,449,875
Federal:	\$7,816,547
Fees/Self-Generated:	\$517,500
Statutory Dedicated Funds:	\$419,000

## Central Office Expenses:

Personnel:	\$21,193,935
Operating:	\$947,606
Professional Services:	\$8,622,485
Other Charges:	\$23,499,180
<u>Acquisitions / Major Repairs:</u>	<u>\$190,441</u>

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,453,647</b>
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# THANK YOU

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