



**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (DDS)
PROPOSALS TO ACHIEVE \$174 MILLION GENERAL FUND
SAVINGS MAY 2011**

DDS is responsible under the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act) for ensuring that more than 246,000 persons with developmental disabilities receive the services and supports they require to lead more independent and productive lives and to make choices and decisions about their lives.

How does this work?



The State of California gives money to DDS to provide services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities in two ways:

1. Support in the community to live in their families' homes or other community settings and receive state-funded services that are coordinated by one of 21 regional centers.
2. Run four state-operated developmental centers and one state-operated community facility for a small number of individuals.

The number of consumers with developmental disabilities in the community served by regional centers is expected to grow next year. The number of consumers living in state-operated residential facilities will decrease next year.



How much does DDS need to save?

Due to the State's budget problems the Governor and Legislature has cut DDS's budget for the next fiscal year (FY) 2011-12 by \$576.9 million.

- Most of the ways to save money have already been approved by the Legislature for \$402.9 million. These savings will happen by:
 - Keeping in place the 4.25 percent savings for regional center operations from last year,
 - Getting more money from the federal government,
 - Limiting the amount regional centers and service providers can be paid for running their agencies,
 - Making sure that all business is done within the rules and that money is not being wasted,
 - Reducing money for developmental centers,
 - Reducing funding for the Prevention Program primarily serving infants and toddlers at risk of a developmental disability, and
 - Giving less money to regional centers for running their offices.

How much does DDS need to cut? (Continued)

This leaves \$174 million to be cut from the DDS budget. The proposed plan to save this money need to be submitted to the Legislature for their vote by May 15, 2011.



How did DDS get information on how to get the savings?

- DDS did a Statewide survey, that was on the DDS website, to get public input on how to save money.
- Eight workgroups were then put together of consumers, family members, service providers, advocacy organizations and regional center representatives to tell DDS how to save money. The workgroups focused on these 8 areas: Behavioral Services; Day/Supported Employment/Work Activity Program Services; Early Start Program Services; Health Care and Therapeutic Services; Independent and Supported Living Services; Residential Services; Respite Services; and Transportation Services. Each workgroup had two meeting each.
- After getting the information from eight workgroups and gathering other information from emails, letters and phone calls, DDS developed 13 savings proposals that were presented at three public forums that were held in Los Angeles on May 5, 2011; Sacramento on May 6, 2011; and Oakland on May 9, 2011.

The 13 Proposals are:

1. Gaining More Federal Funds for Regional Center to Purchased Consumer Services.

This means:



Regional Centers will be making sure that consumers and families that qualify under the 1915 (c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver, are signed up for it. This will help Regional Centers receive more money from the federal government to buy services.

There is also a possibility of new funding options through the federal 1915 (k) waiver for Community Living Options, which should become available in October 2011.

➤ What will this save?



FY 2011-12 savings - \$20,932,000 FY 2012-13 savings - \$22,515,000



2. Saving on DDS Contracts with other Agencies

DDS contracts with a number of organizations for programs and projects that provide support, services, and technical assistance across all regional centers. DDS will reduce the amount paid for these contracts:

Information Technology: A state-operated data center for support of data systems and data processing

Clients' Rights Advocacy: Disability Rights California (DRC) provides consultation, representation, training, investigation, and advocacy for clients' rights

Quality Assessment: Independent organizations conduct surveys of consumers and family members about satisfaction with services and personal outcomes

Direct Support Professional Training (DSPT): California Department of Education administers the DSPT training and testing through the Regional Occupational Programs

2. Saving on DDS Contracts with other Agencies (Continued)



Office of Administrative Hearings: Office of Administrative Hearings conduct fair hearings and mediation required by the Lanterman Act and mediation and fair hearing services required by the California Early Intervention Services Act

Special Incident Reporting/Risk Management: Independent organizations that conducts data studies, training, site reviews, and provides information to reduce special incidents

Self-Directed Services - Training and Development: Independent organizations that is taking another look at resources to develop and conduct Self-Directed Services Waiver, if and when it is approved by the federal government

➤ **What will this save?**



FY 2011-12 savings- \$1,754,000 FY 2012-13 savings- \$1,754,000

3. Reductions and Efficiency in Regional Center Operations Funding



This means:

The department giving less money to Regional Centers for staffing, offices, and other programs.



➤ What will this save?

• FY 2011-12 savings- 14,132,000 FY 2012-13 savings - \$15,015,000

4. Community Placement Plan Funding



This means:

Less money is needed to support people that are moving out of developmental centers into community settings.



➤ What will this save?

• FY 2011-12 savings- 6,966,000

• FY 2012-13 savings - 6,966,000

5. Rate Equity and Negotiated Rate Control



This means:

There will be changes on how the regional centers came up with the amount of money they pay some service providers.



What will this save?

FY 2011-12 savings- \$3,432,000 **FY 2012-13 savings-** \$9,568,000

6. Annual Family Program Fee



This means:

Some families with children that get regional center services may pay a yearly fee based on their income.



➤ **What will this save?**

FY 2011-12 savings- 3,600,000 **FY 2012-13 savings** - 7,200,000

7. Maintaining the Consumer's Home of Choice – Mixed Payment Rates in Residential Facilities with Alternative Residential Model (ARM) Rates



This means:

If a person lives in a place they like, and the services that they need change. This will allow the person to stay in their home even if their needs decrease. This will allow regional centers to pay a lower rate to the residential provider.



➤ What will this save?

FY 2011-12 savings- \$1,364,000

FY 2012-13 savings - \$2,526, 000

8. Maximize Utilization of Generic Resources - Education Services



This means:

Use funds through schools to get day services, work, independent living, and transportation for individuals in school when they are 18-21 years old and transitioning from school to community based work and activities programs.



➤ What will this save?

FY 2011-12 savings- \$10,236,000

FY 2012-13 savings - \$13,593,000

9. Supported Living Services: Maximizing Resources



This means:

If people are living together and both get supported living services (SLS), they might be able to share the supported living services for some things. The SLS provider will not decide what services a person needs; that would be done during the IPP meeting and supported by an independent assessment.

➤ What will this save?



FY 2011-12 savings- \$5,461,000 FY 2012-13 savings - \$10,924,000

10. Individual Choice Day Services



This means:

Start new day services that allow individuals to make choices about how many days they want to go to program; let people hire their own staff; and let day services change the way they bill the State for part day services.

➤ What will this save?



FY 2011-12 savings- \$9,629,000 FY 2012-13 savings - \$12,358,000

11. Maximizing Resources for Behavioral Services



This means:

Make parents tell regional centers that behavioral services were provided when they were supposed to be; and let trained paraprofessionals (people who are not professionals that would be supervised by professionals) provide behavioral services.

➤ What will this save?



FY 2011-12 savings- \$3,852,000 FY 2012-13 savings - \$3,852,000

12. Transfer Reduced Scope Prevention Program to the Family Resource Centers.



This means:

The Prevention Program will be moved from regional centers to Family Resource Centers and will only give information, resources, outreach and referral for some families and infants who are not in the Early Start program.

➤ What will this save?



FY 2011-12 savings- \$7,500,000 FY 2012-13 savings - \$10,000,000

13. Enhancing Community Integration and Participation- Development of Transportation Access Plans.



This means:

Make a transportation access plan at the individual program plan (IPP) meeting to help people use public and community based transportation.

➤ **What will this save?**



FY 2011-12 savings- \$1,075,000 **FY 2012-13 savings** - \$2,150,000

Overall Saving

- **The total amount of State money saved by these ideas is \$145.5 million in FY 2011-12 and \$174 million each year after that.**

