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December 30, 2024

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President and Members of the Senate
Thirty-third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura,
Speaker
and Members of the House of
Representatives
Thirty-third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Annual Report on the Numbers of Persons Waiting for Developmental Disabilities or Intellectual Disabilities Services and Supports, and Shall Provide the Reasons for the Lack of Services or Supports, pursuant to Section 333F-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at:

<https://health.hawaii.gov/opppd/departments-of-health-reports-to-2025-legislature/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Fink".

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Enclosures

- c: Legislative Reference Bureau
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REPORT TO THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

**STATE OF HAWAII
2024**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 333F-6
HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

**THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO
THE LEGISLATURE THE NUMBERS OF PERSONS WAITING FOR
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES OR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES
SERVICES AND SUPPORTS, AND SHALL PROVIDE THE REASONS
FOR THE LACK OF SERVICES OR SUPPORTS**



PREPARED BY:

**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DECEMBER 2024**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 333F-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, mandates the Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH), Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) to annually report the number of individuals who are eligible but are on waitlists for DDD services, and the reasons why they are on waitlists (see Exhibit A). DOH-DDD respectfully reports that for fiscal year 2024 no individuals were waitlisted for DDD services.

DDD provides the following programs:

1. Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Waiver (I/DD Waiver) under the authority of Title XIX, Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act;
2. Long Term Adult Supports and Resources (LASR), which provides state-funded services for individuals who qualify for DDD services, but are not included in the Medicaid Waiver;
3. Family Support Services Program (FSSP), which provides incidental support to families on a short-term basis; and
4. Crisis Services provided to both I/DD Waiver and non-I/DD Waiver participants of DDD.

**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 333F, SECTION 6,
HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

Introduction

The Hawaii State Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) provides a system of supports and services for persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD) who have substantial functional limitations in major life activities. The DDD statute is found in Chapter 333F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, "Services for Persons with Developmental or Intellectual Disabilities."

Section 333F-6(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, (Exhibit A) requires the Department of Health's DDD to report waitlists of all individuals who are eligible for but have not yet been provided DDD services to the Legislature. During FY 2024, there were no individuals on a waitlist for DDD services. Overall, 3,504 individuals received services through DDD during FY2024.

The following are programs within DDD:

- Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) for individuals with I/DD Waiver (also known as I/DD Waiver);
- Long Term Adult Supports and Resources (LASR);
- Family Support Services Program (FSSP); and
- Crisis Services.

I/DD Waiver

The I/DD Waiver is authorized under Title XIX, Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act. This program permits states to provide an array of home and community-based services that assist Medicaid beneficiaries with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live in the community and avoid institutionalization.

The I/DD Waiver is operated by DDD on behalf of the Hawaii State Department of Human Services Med-QUEST Division (MQD), the Hawaii State Medicaid agency, through a memorandum of agreement. I/DD Waiver services include: Adult Day Health, Community Learning Services, Personal Assistance/Habilitation, Residential Habilitation, Employment Services (Discovery and Career Planning, Individual Employments Supports), Respite, Chore, Private Duty Nursing, Additional Residential Supports, Non-Medical Transportation, Assistive Technology, Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies, Environmental Accessibility Adaptations, Personal Emergency Response System, Vehicular Modifications, Training and Consultation, and Waiver Emergency Services (Crisis Mobile Outreach and Out-of-Home Stabilization).

As of June 30, 2024, there was no waitlist for the I/DD Waiver. A total of 2,991 individuals were served under the I/DD Waiver program for the reporting period (Fiscal Year 2024).

Long Term Adult Supports and Resources (LASR)

LASR provides supports for individuals who are eligible for DDD services but are not receiving Medicaid services as part of the I/DD Waiver. The LASR Program assists individuals with I/DD and their families to increase independence and interdependence. The LASR program services include, but are not limited to, discovery and career planning, volunteer work, senior activities (if applicable), competitive integrated employment opportunities, activities to increase skills necessary to perform typical daily activities, activities to increase and strengthen social roles, building communication skills with members of the community, developing friendships and relationships with community members, and practicing skills in activities of daily living.

There was no waitlist for the LASR program during FY 2024. There were 63 individuals served by the LASR program during this time period.

Family Support Service Program (FSSP)

The FSSP is a state-funded program that supports individuals with I/DD living in their family homes by reimbursing families for services and supports, which may include adaptive equipment, chore services, limited modifications to the home, and training and educational services.

There was no waitlist for the FSSP program during FY 2024. There were 9 individuals served by the FSSP program.

EXHIBIT A: SECTION 333F-6, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

§333F-6 Application and assessment for services; individualized service plans. (a) The department shall administer an application and assessment system for persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities, and shall determine eligibility for services or supports within thirty working days of receipt of an application. If the department determines that the person is eligible for services or supports under this chapter within the limits of federal or state resources available for the purposes of this chapter, the department, after due consideration is afforded the preferences of the person with developmental or intellectual disabilities, the person's parents if a minor, or legal guardian, shall refer that person to appropriate programs within ten working days of the determination; an individualized service plan for the person shall be prepared by an interdisciplinary team for the person, and the department may provide case management services to the person.

(b) The procedure for assessment of the person and the elements of the individualized service plan shall be described in rules adopted by the department pursuant to chapter 91. The individualized service plan shall be in writing and shall include, at a minimum, the nature of the needs of the person, treatment and care goals, and specific services to be offered to the person to attain these goals.

(c) The department shall keep waiting lists of all individuals who are eligible for services and supports, but for whom services and supports have not been provided for any reason, and shall report annually to the legislature the numbers of persons waiting for services and supports and the reasons for the lack of services and supports.