



It's not too late... Find the Wait!



Fund the DIDD waiting list for people with intellectual disabilities who need home and community based waiver services (HCBS)

The need for expanding home and community services for people with intellectual disabilities in Tennessee is at a critical stage. Over 7,000 adults and children are waiting for services, many of whom have been on waiting lists for years. Without supports, young people with intellectual disabilities sit at home, losing all the skills they developed during their school years. Parents, siblings or other relatives are often forced to quit work to care for their family members with an intellectual disability. Many families are forced into poverty by the added costs of care. The result is thousands of Tennessee families suffering from extraordinary stress.

Tennessee must address the needs of these citizens.

People on the DIDD* Waiting List

	Statewide		Bradley County
	June 2012	June 2013	January 2014
By level of need			
Crisis: homeless, no caregiver, imminent danger to self or others, needs services immediately	79	47	1
Urgent: significant risk of abuse/neglect, caregiver aging or in ill health, needs services soon	796	784	21
Active: requested services but does not meet Crisis/Urgent criteria	4,808	4,832	56
Deferred: requesting services more than 12 months in the future	1,496	1,417	13
Total	7,179	7,080	91
By Category			
School Age (0-21, excluding DCS)	2,614	2,300	
Dept. of Children's Services (0-21)	92	81	
Nursing Homes	112	13	
Regional Mental Health Institutes	11	7	
Adults – no services	4,350	4,679	
Total	7,179	7,080*	

Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Data Management Reports, June 2012 and June 2013, DIDD January 2014; *people currently residing out of state have been removed from the numbers

As of June 2013, 7,165 individuals have applied for waiver services through the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) but were placed on the Waiting List.

- 67% of those on the Waiting List are adults living at home who have no services at all.
- 32% are children whose families need support when their child is not in school.
- The remaining 1% is children in DCS custody and people in nursing homes or in mental health institutes.

