

Restore Funding for Individual and Family Support

Facts First

- **Individual and Family Support (IFS) budgets in three Human Services Districts/Authorities have been reduced 49% to 58% since 2005.**
- **These cuts have resulted in great disparity from one area of the state to another. Individuals and families across the state do NOT have access to the same level of service.**
- **IFS is cost effective. Statewide, the average annual cost per person in FY 13 for IFS was only \$2,626.**
- **IFS provides a flexible array of services to those in the most desperate need.**

What Legislators Can Do:

Restore funding to the Individual and Family Support program in three Human Services Districts/Authorities.

A total of \$1.35 million would ensure that all regions of the state have a minimum of \$1.50 per capita.

Why Do This?

Individual and Family Support (IFS) is cost effective and flexible, often providing immediate access to supports for people in crisis situations, many of whom are on the waiver waiting list. However, not all individuals/families have access to IFS because budget cuts and population shifts have created the “Haves” and “Have NOTs” depending on where a person lives.

The budget disparity should be reduced bringing all districts/authorities up to a minimum base level of funding. Additional funding provided to the districts/authorities with the lowest per capita funding would meet more of the needs of families who are currently not able to access needed supports.

IFS keeps people at home and out of more costly institutional settings. Without IFS, more individuals with developmental disabilities are at risk of out-of-home placement.

IFS services include crisis intervention, respite care and specialized therapies such as assistance for challenging behaviors.

Individual and Family Support per Capita Budgets*

As compared to total State General Funds per capita allocated to Human Services Districts/Authorities in FY14

District / Authority	State General Funds Per Capita	IFS Program Funding Per Capita
1 – Metropolitan HSD	\$52.62	\$3.63
2 – Capital Area HSD	\$26.23	\$0.66
3 – South Central Louisiana HSA	\$37.94	\$1.68
4 – Acadiana Area HSD	\$26.33	\$0.99
5 – Imperial Calcasieu HSA	**	\$1.69
6 – Central Louisiana HSD	**	\$2.04
7 – Northwest Louisiana HSD	**	\$1.54
8 – Northeast Delta HSA	**	\$2.13
9 – Florida Parishes HSA	\$18.38	\$0.59
10 – Jefferson Parish HSA	\$33.65	\$2.15
State Average	\$32.53	\$1.71

*Individual and Family Support budgets provided by the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities.

**During their first years of operation, these Districts/Authorities received funding by interagency transfer from the Department of Health and Hospitals.