

Fund Individual and Family Support

KNOW THE FACTS

- **Individual and Family Support (IFS) provides a flexible array of services to those in the most desperate need.**
- **IFS is cost effective. Statewide, the average annual cost per person in FY15 for IFS was only \$2578.**
- **IFS services include crisis intervention, respite care and specialized therapies such as assistance for challenging behaviors.**
- **Funding for IFS in many areas of the state is insufficient to meet the current demand.**

What Can Legislators Do?

Provide for more equitable access to Individual and Family Support (IFS) services by appropriating funds for the IFS Program in five Local Governing Entities (LGEs).

\$1,366,000 would ensure that all areas of the state have a minimum of \$1.60 per capita for this program. An additional \$204,750 (15%) would cover the administrative costs for ensuring these funds reach the individuals and families in need.

Why Do This?

IFS often provides immediate access to supports for people with developmental disabilities 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 by bringing all LGEs up to a minimum base level of funding. Additional funding provided to LGEs with the lowest per capita budgets 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.

Individual and Family Support (IFS) Funding per Capita

As Compared to Total State General Fund (SGF) per Capita Allocated to Local Governing Entities (LGEs) in Fiscal Year 2016

LGE	SGF Per Capita*	IFS Funding Per Capita**	Amount Needed for \$1.60 Per Capita	Additional 15% for Admin Costs
1 - MHSD	\$43.21	\$3.02	--	--
2 - CAHSD	\$24.60	\$0.79	\$545,000	\$81,750
3 - SCHSA	\$35.59	\$1.69	--	--
4 - AAHSD	\$21.60	\$1.46	\$84,000	\$12,600
5 - ICHSA	\$26.56	\$1.66	--	--
6 - CLHSD	\$33.12	\$2.05	--	--
7 - NLHSD	\$14.99	\$1.53	\$40,000	\$6,000
8 - NDHSA	\$26.31	\$2.13	--	--
9 - FPHSA	\$18.22	\$0.67	\$526,000	\$78,900
10 - JPHSA	\$32.56	\$1.21	\$170,000	\$25,500
Total	--	--	\$1,366,000	\$204,750
Average	\$26.64	\$1.62	--	--

* SGF amounts provided by the Department of Health and Hospitals' Budget Office on 12/01/15 and include State General Fund Direct (Discretionary and Non-Discretionary) .

** IFS budgets provided by the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities to the Council on 10/21/15.