

Welcome to the 7th edition of the “SSA Corner”

Waiver News: Update on State Funded Waivers

In Governor Kasich’s 2016-2017 Executive Budget, there were 3,000 new waivers funded by the state.

Wait List Reduction Waivers

Of the 3,000 Waivers, there were 1,864 Waivers designated to address the needs of individual on the Waiting List.

- All of the Wait List reduction Waivers have been allocated across the state and includes a combination of Individual Options (I.O.) Waivers and Self Empowerment Life Funding (SELF) Waivers.
- Lake County was allocated 11 I.O. Waivers and 13 SELF Waivers having successfully enrolled all of the I.O. Waivers and all but 3 SELF Waivers that are currently in process of being approved at the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD).

Exit/Diversion Waivers

Additionally, of the 3,000 new Waivers, there were approximately 1,150 state-funded Individual Options (I.O.) Waivers for individuals who are:

- Seeking admission into an ICF/IID (Diversion IO Waivers)
- Who are currently residing in an ICF/IID and who are on the I.O. Waiver Wait List wishing to move into a community based setting (Exit I.O. Waivers)

Exit/Diversion Waivers (cont)

To date, Lake County has been allocated a total of 2 Diversion Waivers and 69 Exit Waivers.

- Of the 69 Exit Waivers, 45 remain to be enrolled.
- The reduced number is taking into account those who have already enrolled, those who have requested to pursue living in another county, and those who have changed their minds about leaving the ICF in which they reside.

We have successfully enrolled 5 Exit Waivers and have been working alongside our ICF Partners to develop plans for the individuals desiring to live in the community on a Waiver.

The process for enrolling individuals on Exit Waivers can be lengthy as you take into consideration where individuals desire to live and work, their housing needs, and provider capacity.

TDD Waiver to I.O. Waiver Transition

Over the past 2 years, there has been a statewide effort to transition all of the individuals enrolled on the Transitions Developmental Disabilities (TDD) Waiver to the Individual Options (I.O.) Waiver by June 30, 2017.

Lake County has completed the transition of all 76 TDD Waivers of those individuals residing in our county to I.O. Waivers with the final transitions having occurred in May 2017.