

# INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (I/DD) THROUGH STEWARDSHIP AND FUNDING

*Our highest priority is helping Oregonians with I/DD achieve health, safety and independence through opportunities that protect, empower, respect choice and preserve dignity. This is accomplished by funding supports needed to assure these values are met.*

## **INCREASING ENROLLMENT WITH MORE INDIVIDUAL'S ACCESSING SERVICES**

Forecasted eligibility growth is at 11.5% with more children and adults seeking services to access the K State Plan through ACA Medicaid funding. Cost per case has increased as more services are provided. There are not enough additional in-home care providers to meet this growing need.

### **Solution:**

- Review Oregon eligibility criteria for services; increase workforce; build in natural supports and continue to reassess the level of services provided and dollars paid to bend the cost curve.

## **FUNDING FOR CASE MANAGEMENT ENTITIES (CME)**

Case management is critical to the success of individuals with I/DD. Case managers assess needs, develop and monitor supports, refer to additional services, and assure protective services. Case Management Entities must be fully staffed, well trained and knowledgeable in multiple systems to maintain good regulatory oversight. Without additional funding, CMEs cannot assure the health, safety and wellness of individuals with I/DD. Oregon could be at risk of not complying with federal regulations, resulting in loss of funding for a strong case management system.

### **Solution:**

- Continue to Fund Case Management Entities at 95% equity in the Workload Model to ensure quality case management.

## **DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL (DSP) WAGES**

The Direct Support Professionals in 24 hour services are paid much less than in-home providers. This inequity causes a severe lack of Direct Support Professionals. Without well-funded staffing, people may not receive the supports they need and may be at elevated health and safety risks. Oregon could also be in jeopardy of not meeting the DOJ lawsuit settlement or CMS Home and Community Based regulations.

### **Solution:**

- Raise wages for Direct Support Professionals who help people live, work and gain independence in our communities.

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

Working together, Oregon has created a system of community partnerships that support Oregon's vulnerable children and adults with I/DD and their families. Regional programs help support individuals in crisis, facilitate out of home placement, provide behavior supports, and support CME programs, providers and families in their local communities.

### **Solution:**

- Consider the impact of cost shifting to CMEs, jails, and hospitals before defunding regional supports.

*Individuals stay in their own communities, families are supported in caring for their children. Individuals with I/DD are assured access to services, promoting health, safety and protection from abuse and neglect.*

