



THE SITUATION:

Georgia is not bringing in enough money to support its citizens. The Governor's budget instructions directed state agencies to **cut their budgets by another 2%**, excluding Medicaid and growth in school enrollment.

The work on the **settlement agreement with the Department of Justice continues**. But this agreement does not cover people with disabilities in nursing homes or require more services in the community for people with developmental disabilities other than 100 waivers.

The Olmstead Plan which provides objectives in a comprehensively working plan for establishing a good community-based system of services and supports, **has been sent to the Governor, but it has not been approved**. The advocates have requested that the new Ombudsman convene the Olmstead Planning Committee to discuss next steps for implementing the plan.

THE NEED:

There are **17,000 people** with developmental disabilities living with caregivers over the age of 64.

There are **190,000 individuals** living with a disability who require some assistance from a family member or caregiver every day, at great sacrifice to the economic well-being of that family and individual.

There are over **6000 people** on the waiting list for NOW or COMP waivers. This number is underestimated.

There are **130 people** waiting for an ICWP waiver.

There are over 6,000 people in nursing homes who have indicated they would prefer to live in the community!

When people have support, they can work, take care of families, participate in their communities and contribute.

Get engaged! Support Funding for HCBS!

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THE REQUEST: CALL OR WRITE YOUR LEGISLATOR

- Tell your story, in one page, and send a picture
- Ask your legislator to support DBHDD's proposed budget FY 2013:
 - Provide funding for 9 crisis respite homes, and 6 mobile crisis teams to eliminate all DD hospital admissions \$5,122,963
 - Additional 250 waivers (150 for hospital transition, 100 waiting list) \$8,969,943
 - Annualize 250 waivers from the FY 2011 budget: (150 for hospital transition, 100 waiting lists) \$5,994,066
 - Annualize waivers for youth aging out of DFCS care \$1,299,996
 - Provide Family Support for 500 new families to keep children at home and avoid more costly services \$1,872,000
- And additional funds for community services, 6 months of funding:
 - 750 waivers for youth exiting high school \$3,255,937
 - 40 COMP waivers for youth aging out of DFCS \$590,410
 - 280 COMP waivers for most in need in the community \$4,132,870
 - 70 NOW waivers for most in need in the community \$303,887
 - 20 additional Behavioral Specialists each region \$550,000
 - 10 Housing subsidies to enable people to live in their own home \$48,000

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- The Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities ·
 - Service Provider Association for Developmental Disabilities ·
- The Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia ·
 - People First of Georgia ·
- The Institute on Human Development & Disability at The University of Georgia ·
- The Center for Leadership on Disability at ·
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