

What is the Developmental Disability (DD) Wait List?

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The DD Wait List is how we identify those who need funding to receive services for a developmental disability. An individual can be put on the wait list:

- When they are graduating or leaving the school system
- If they are a new resident to the state
- When there is a significant change in the individual's condition that requires additional services such as medical changes, caregiver gets sick and can no longer care for their adult child, etc.

RSA 171-A: The Law!

RSA 171-A was the law created to emphasize supports and services be provided to individuals in the community. It supports individuals to have choice in their services, allow an opportunity for gainful employment and to build meaningful relationships. A section of this law states that **individuals that are found eligible for services shall not wait longer than 90 days to receive them**. When there is not enough funding, some individuals wait longer than the 90 days that the law outlines, thus, creating a wait list.



Individuals are consistently entering the system with the rise of students receiving special education services as well as caregivers aging and being unable to care for their adult son or daughter.

Looking Forward



- In the bipartisan budget agreement (HB 3 & HB4) signed into law in 2019, the Legislature and Governor supported the full funding of the DD/ABD wait lists.
- On August 28, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services reported that no individuals were waiting for services.
- It is critical that the next state budget build upon the strong record of support for developmental services in our state.