

Office of Developmental Programs Updates

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ODP Updates



Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services

- Governor's budget
- Performance-Based Contracting
- Waiver amendment – permanency planning
- 1 person homes
- Community Participation Supports workgroup
- Governor's Housing Action Plan



DHS-ODP GSDing for PA

- ODP's ID/A HCBS program increased by 9%, waiver capacity now 42k
- Decreased ID/A adult emergency waiting list by 31% in two years
- Launched ID/A Specialty Telehealth – serving 5,443 people and avoiding over 7,000 emergency department or urgent care visits
- Implemented Performance-based Contracting for residential and supports coordination services moving service delivery toward value-based payment models
- Blueprint roadmap on serving youth with complex needs & launched Pediatric Capacity Building Institute
- Created Capacity Building Institute – Pediatric
- Rolled out Pediatric Complex Care Resource Centers (PCCRCs)

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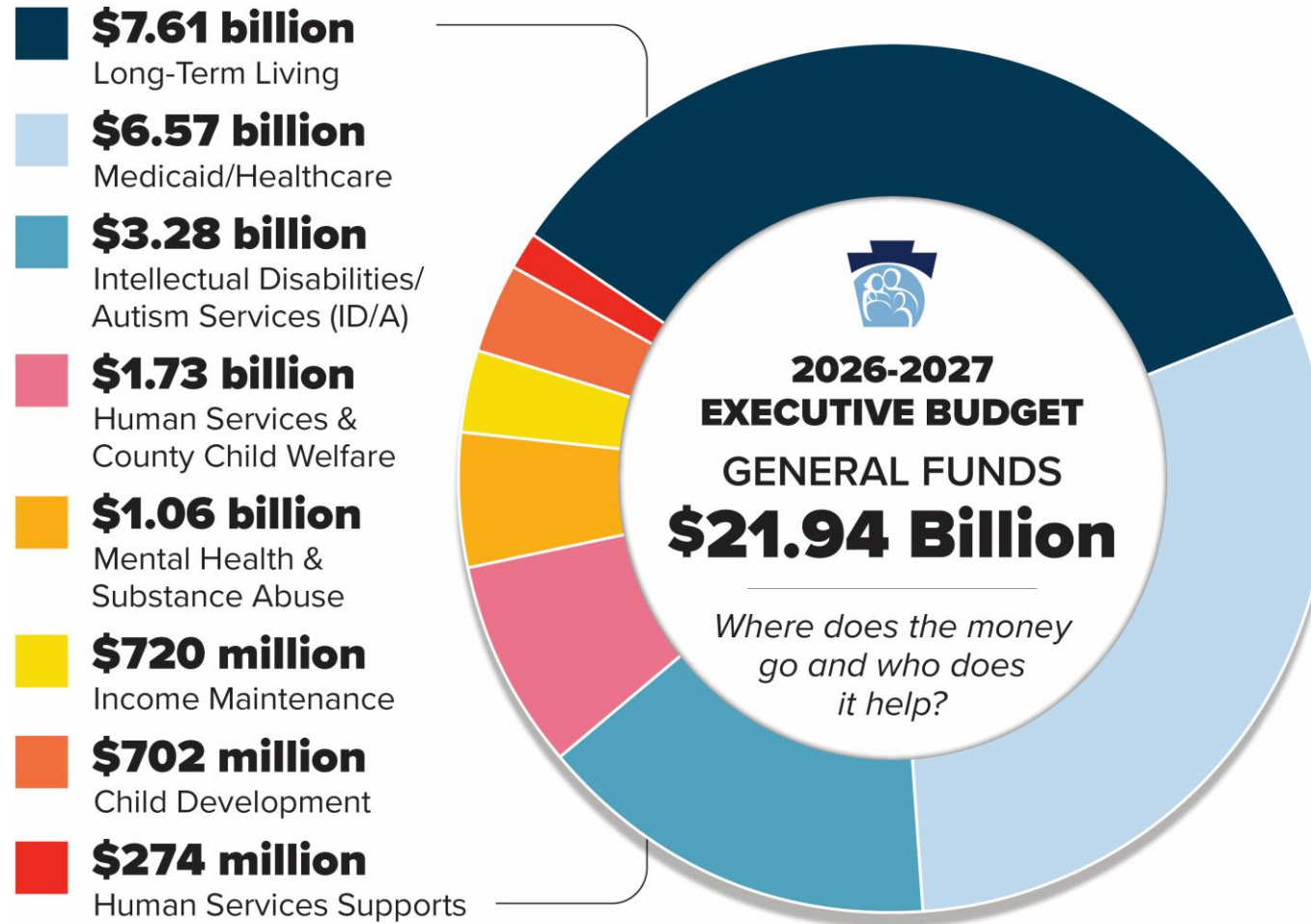


- Professionalizing workforce - over 7,500 DSP and FLS credentials
- Decreased percentage of working age receiving subminimum wage by half from 8% to 4%
- 3 times as many people in competitive integrated employment (8,767) as earning subminimum wage (2,615)
- Launched ID/A Supportive Housing Pilot
- Established an incident detection system
- Electronic Health Records in State Centers
- Transitions to community – Woodhaven ICF Closure
- Offered ECHO (Extension for Community Health Outcomes) training on dual diagnosis MH-ID/A to outpatient providers and on ASD to residential providers supporting individuals with profound support needs related to autism.



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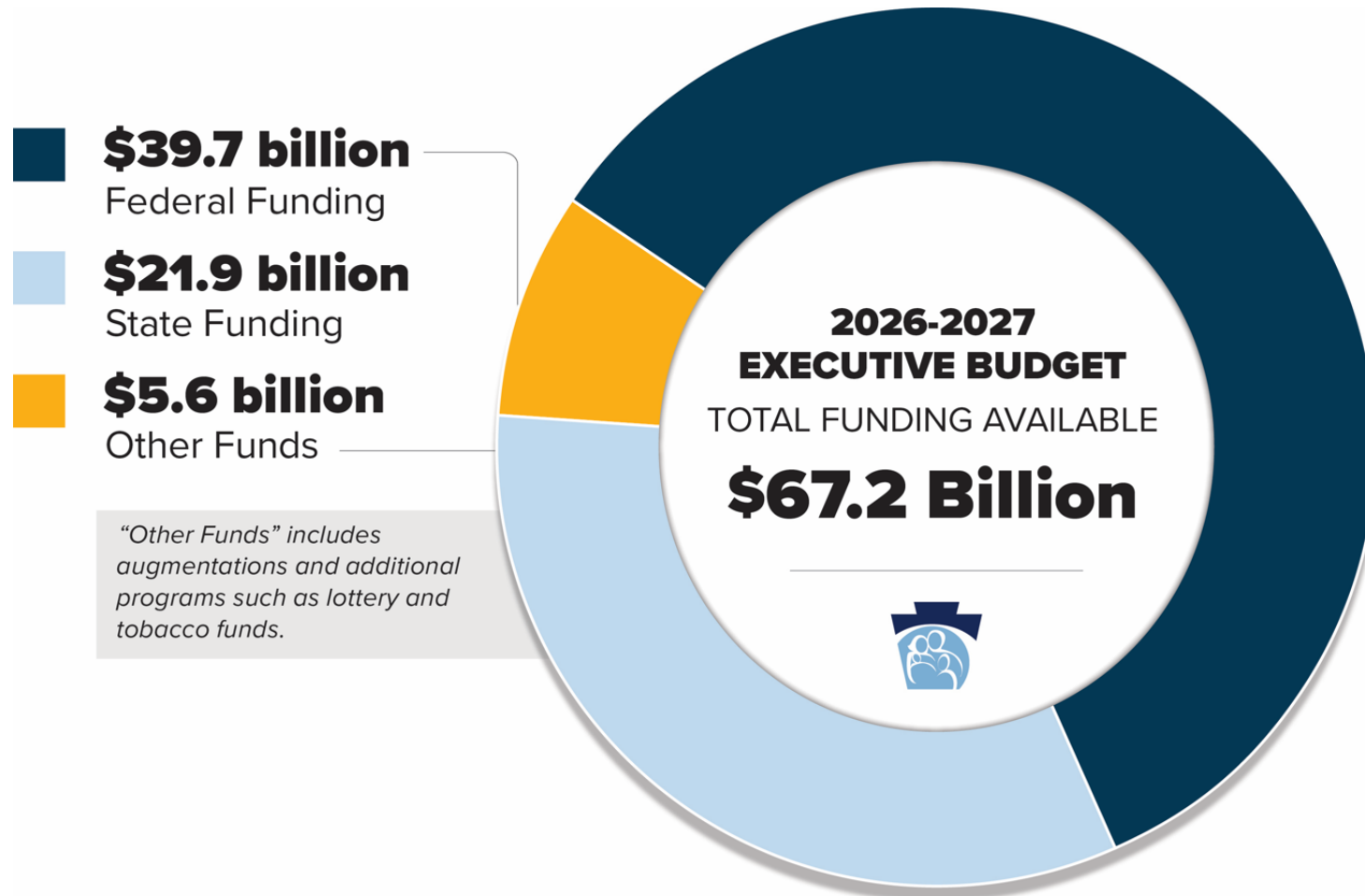
Projected Spending Across DHS





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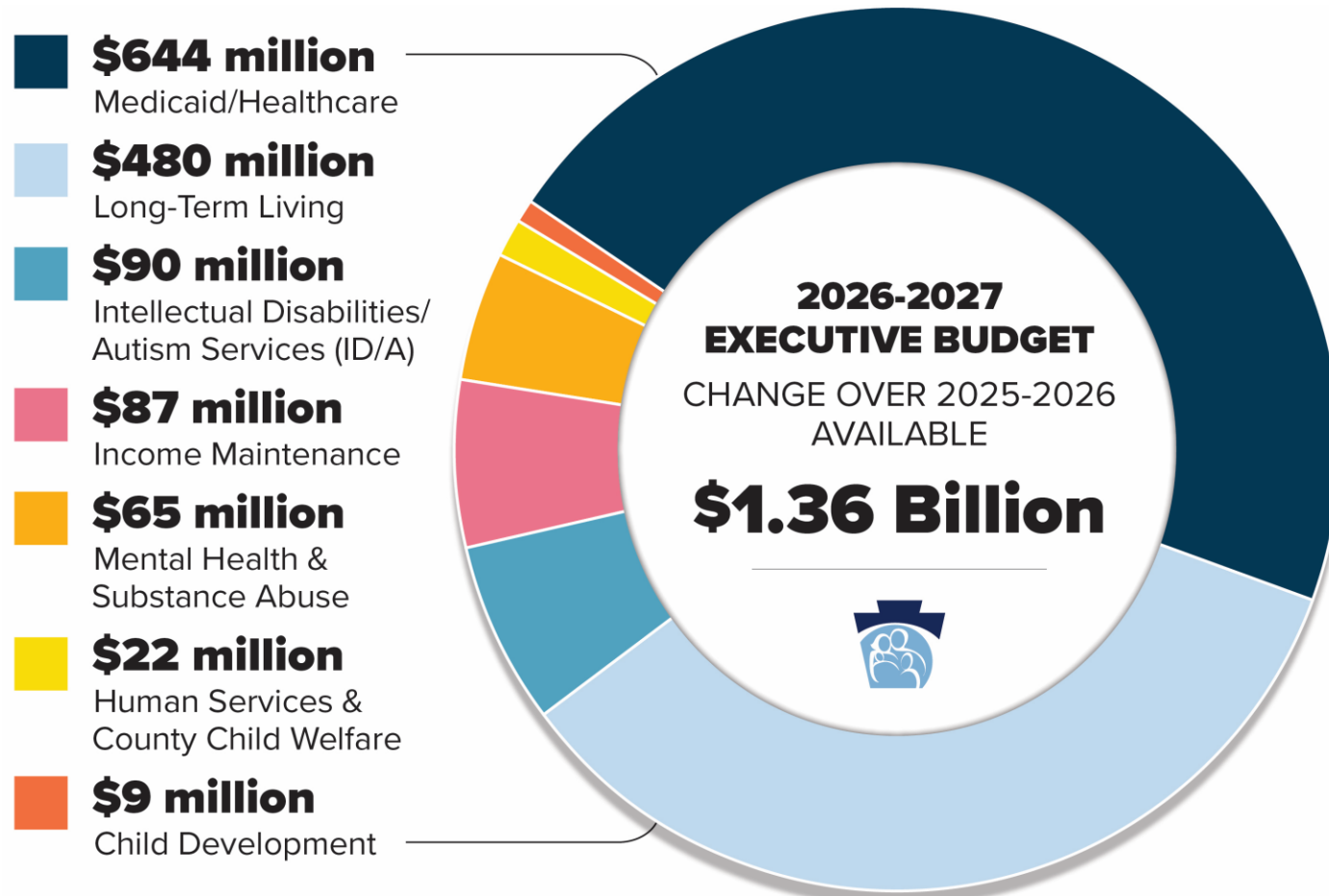
Department of Human Services Overall Spending





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Change Over 2025-2026 Available Budget



* This includes a \$33 million reduction in Human Services Support over 2025-2026 available



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Human Services Highlights & Investments

Foundations of Health

• Investments in Health

- At the end of 2024, Pennsylvania's 1115 Waiver application was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Application included:
 - Continuous Medicaid coverage up to age 6 for eligible children
 - Enhanced reentry supports and care transitions for reentrants returning from State Correctional Institutions
 - Housing and supports for individuals with serious behavioral health needs and/or disabilities experiencing or at risk of homelessness
 - Food and nutrition supports for people with certain diet-sensitive conditions who are food insecure
- Trump Administration guidance limiting what we are able to move forward – continuous coverage no longer permitted.



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Foundations of Health

- **Continuing ODP Multi-Year Growth Strategy**

- In 2024, Governor Shapiro announced the beginning a multi-year strategy to expand access to home and community-based services and effectively end the emergency waiting list for adults with intellectual disabilities and autism.
- Continuing to make progress towards this goal – adult emergency waiting list was approx. 3,100 at end of 2025.
 - 31 percent decrease since February 2024
- 2026-27 Budget continues this progress and commitment. \$30 million in state funds (federalizes to \$66.2 million) will support:
 - 850 more people served in Community Living Waiver
 - 400 more people served in Consolidated Waiver



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Federal Updates

Rural Health Transformation Program

- Pennsylvania eligible for \$193 million for Rural Health Transformation Program Year One funding pending approval of revised budget.
- Regional focus will bring together existing economic development leaders with health care, non-profits, education, managed care to invest in work aligned with RHTP application, covering: technology and infrastructure, workforce, maternal health, behavioral health, aging and access, and EMS and transportation.
- Short-term Rapid Response Access Stabilization Program will allow for more near-term investments as the program infrastructure forms.
- More information coming soon – visit www.dhs.pa.gov/ruralhealth to sign up for listserv for future updates.

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Performance-Based Contracting (PBC)



PBC Updates: Supports Coordination

- Performance evaluation and pay-for-performance data submission Oct 1- Nov 1, 2025.
- Signed *Agreement for Provision of Supports Coordination Services* received for all SCOs
- All SCOs (52) completed submissions and all scored.
- Results published to DHS website Jan 2026 as part of [SCO Directory](#)

Supports Coordination Organization Pay- for-Performance (P4P)

Milestone 1: Capacity Building

- Credentialing (\$3.835M available)
 - SCOs that submitted: 44
 - SCOs that passed: 35
 - Approx. Expenditures: \$1.75M
- Technology (\$3.835M available)
 - SCOs that submitted: 35
 - SCOs that passed: 30
 - Approx. Expenditures: \$1.84M

Milestone 2: Scaling

Achieve at least 1 of the 4 targets

- Increase supported employment service and CIE
- Increase in % individuals using Supported Living, Lifesharing or Housing Services
- Increase in % individuals with non-residential
- Increase in remote supports or assistive technology

Top Unmet SCO Measures



Measure	Measure Description	Number Unmet	Percent Unmet
PCP.01.2	90% compliance with monitoring frequency by waiver type	38	73%
QDI.01.6	Restrictive procedure data is 86% accurate as compared to the most current BSP.		
RN.01	Register in PA Navigate Resource Platform as a Community-Based Organization (CBO)	15	23%
QI.02.1	Provide SCO's policy on how person-centered performance data is utilized to develop the QM Plan and its action plan and to monitor progress towards QM plan goals	10	19%
WF.03.2	Describe current trauma informed supports training provided to SCs and SC Supervisors and/or plans to implement trauma informed supports training for SCs and SC Supervisors in the future	9	17%
ADM.01.2	Submission of current financial statements (audited if available)	6	12%
QDI.01.1	86% of demographic information is complete and accurate, including living situation and individual and primary contact email address	6	12%
QDI.01.2	90% of employment information is complete and accurate, including all employment fields in the individual monitoring tool, updated at every required monitoring (based on waiver enrollment)	6	12%



PBC Updates: Residential

Portal Usage Highlights

Below is a detailed update on MyPBC Portal usage as of 2/18, including a breakdown of submitted forms by tier:

Metric	Value	Total	Percentage	Change (+/-)
Users Log-In	231	1,022	23%	+4%
Provider Log-In	189	433	44%	+7%
RS Form Started	82	433	19%	+4%
RS Form Submitted	3	433	1%	+0%
<i>Primary</i>	3		1%	-
<i>Select</i>	0		0%	-
<i>Clinically Enhanced (Med, DD, Both)</i>	0		0%	-

**Note: The total for Users Log-In will fluctuate due to ongoing user access assistance.*

PBC Updates: Residential P4P Milestone 2

CIE	Credentialing	Technology
109 providers submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 166 providers submitted• 116 passed during the initial review• 19 out of 50 providers that failed submitted resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 121 providers submitted• 20 passed during the initial review• 62 out of 101 providers that failed submitted resolution



Permanency Planning For Children and Youth

Regulation 6100.56 (d), requires the ISP include outcomes relating to strengthening or securing a **permanent caregiving relationship** for children.

A “permanent caregiving relationship” generally means a consistent and nurturing adult in day-to-day care with a bonded connection anticipated to last throughout the child’s lifespan.

Children need a constant and nurturing figure in day-to-day care to develop emotionally and socially.

The guiding principle of permanency is that all children need to grow up in a family environment.





Permanency Planning and Residential Habilitation

ISP teams must have conversations with AEs when Residential Habilitation is being discussed for children under age 18.

A staff member performing duties as part of their job responsibilities for a child is not considered a “permanent caregiving relationship.”

A child’s residency in a Residential Habilitation home should be regarded as short term with active planning to transition to a family-centered, private residence.

When the ISP team, including the AE, determines that Residential Habilitation is the least restrictive placement to meet the child’s needs, the Residential Habilitation provider must submit a regulatory waiver of 6100.56 (d) and receive approval from ODP for children under age 18 to receive Residential Habilitation.