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Agenda

1. Respite program description
2. Funding distribution
3. Current numbers
4. Program utilization



Respite Program Description

- Available to children and adults receiving Developmental Services (DS) who live at home with their family
- Household income must be at or below 300% Federal Poverty Level (individual's SSI does not count towards income)
- Families choose their own respite provider
- Providers cannot be biological or adoptive parent(s), step-parent, foster parent(s), guardian, spouse or primary caregiver
- Respite can be used for supervision, therapy services, recreation programs
- Families receive a monthly allotment which can be utilized monthly or reallocated upon approval



Funding Distribution

- Respite program is funded through State general funds
- Monthly allocation is determined by:
 - Legislatively approved amount of funding in respite budget category
 - Number of consumers utilizing respite the previous year
 - Consideration of anticipated growth or decline
- Monthly allocation is the same statewide, currently \$125/month
- Respite services may have a wait list due to budgetary constraints
- Funding can be discontinued at any time based on availability of State funding



Current Numbers

As of February 2023, Year-to-Date (YTD) number of families using respite:

- Desert Regional Center (DRC) serves 1,819; 122 on wait list
- Rural Regional Center (RRC) serves 134; 0 on wait list
- Sierra Regional Center (SRC) serves 317; 0 on wait list



Program Utilization

- Families report overall satisfaction with respite however some would like a higher monthly allocation; some have difficulty finding a provider
- Families have flexibility with how they use respite
 - Choose a relative, friend or neighbor to provide respite
 - Access community services (swim lessons, music therapy, cooking classes, occupational/physical/speech therapies, tutoring, martial arts, recreational programs such as camps)
 - Utilize allotment monthly or save multiple months to use in one month for a higher cost service such as a summer camp



Questions?



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