

**DHS-DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES (745)**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2019**  
**As Enacted by Act 246 of 2018**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Division is responsible for administering state programs for developmentally disabled persons including those with autism, cerebral palsy and mental retardation. Services are provided by approximately 100 community providers and by the five human development centers (HDC's) located across the state. The Division is also responsible for administering the Children's Medical Services (CMS) program for children who are health fragile.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriations recommended are \$176,254,920 in FY2019, with total decreases of \$665,223.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

The budget is funded by general revenues, federal funds from Medicaid reimbursement and client fees, cash funds, and special revenues.

**I) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**Division of Developmental Disabilities Services Operations and Grants**

The recommendation for this appropriation, funded by General, Federal and Other Revenues, is for \$156,576,005, with a decrease of (\$665,223), with the following changes for the transfer out of (14) positions from the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services to the newly created Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance in support of the agency's reorganization:

- **Regular Salaries** decrease of (\$339,652) and **Personal Services Matching** decrease of (\$155,326).
- **Operating Expenses** decrease of (\$162,644).
- **Conference Fees and Travel** decrease of (\$533).
- **Professional Fees** decrease of (\$7,068).

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2018 Authorized Positions: 2,611)**

Total Positions for FY2019: 2,597

Increase(Decrease): (14)

Transfer out of (14) positions to the newly created Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance in support of the agency's reorganization .

Extra Help Positions FY2019: 200 (Total FY2018 Authorized Extra Help: 200)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

- **GRANTS TO COMMUNITY BASED PROVIDERS:** Grants are given only to community providers who are licensed or certified by the Division. Providers must enroll as a Medicaid provider if the services offered are Medicaid reimbursable. Requires DDS to maximize use of Medicaid funding and providers to screen individuals they serve for Medicaid eligibility within 30 days of initial date of service.
- **VOCATIONAL TRAINEES:** The Division is authorized to provide employment opportunities for HDC residents who have lower work productivity than regular vocational trainee's positions authorized by the current Act.
- **GRANTS IN AID:** Outlines conditions for receiving funds by the community providers. Each provider must meet minimum performance standards, supply statistical financial data to the Division, establish sound financial management systems, and coordinate care in the community to ensure individualized services are provided.
- **TIMBER SALES PROCEEDS:** Allows the sale of timber at any Human Development Centers for major capital equipment, capital improvements. Also allows use for administrative operating accounts for capital improvements and equipment.
- **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTERS AND COMMUNITY PROVIDERS:** Prevents the closure of any state administered Human Development Centers, requires HDC and community providers to continue to accept clients in accordance with federal law, and to prevent the transfer or reduction of funding or appropriation of General Revenues that are applied to federal match in the Community Providers line item unless it benefits the community providers or HDCs from which it is transferred.
- **AUTISM TREATMENT AND COORDINATION:** DHS-DDS shall promulgate rules and regulations for the licensure and oversight of Applied Behavior Analysts and shall require an application fee equal to a licensed psychologist.