

# Developmental Services In Vermont

## Designated Agency System

- The Designated System operates on a zero reject premise
- Ten Designated Agencies each responsible for a geographic region
- Eligibility Determination
- Assessment of Individual Need
- Development of a Service Budget to meet assessed need
- Presentation of a funding request to the State based on assessed need
- Provide or arrange for funded services
- There are also 5 Specialized Service Agencies who are designated

## Upper Valley Services

- Designated for I/DD services in Orange County Vermont
- One of the most rural counties with a population of 28,000
- Three office locations, about an hour apart from each other
- Support approximately 200 individuals

## Demographic Information

- Vermont population just over 600,000
- Total people supported through the DS System was 4,538 (from 2017)
- Total served through HCBS services was 3,070
- Average per person cost for HCBS services was \$60,037
- Number of people with 24 hour paid supports was 1,510
- Average DSP Starting Wage (2017) was \$12.48, currently \$14.00

## Cost Per Person for Residential Options

- Supervised Living - \$14,983
- Shared Living - \$32,493
- Group Living - \$98,186
- Staffed Living - \$102,545
- ICF (only 6 people in a single facility) - \$191,751

## Service Options

- Agency Managed Services
- Shared Managed Services
- Self Managed Services
- Family Managed Services

## Individualized Supports

- All budgets based on a person centered plan
- The ISA (Individual Support Agreement) defines services provided
- The agency and recipient work together to manage the budget
- Funds may be moved by the agency to meet new or changing needs
- In most instances whole life supports are provided by single entity
- Case Management/Service Coordination is at the core of service provision
- Case managers are responsible 24/7

## Funding Priorities

- Health and Safety concerns pose imminent risk
- Public Safety risks need to be addressed
- Preventing Institutionalization – Nursing Facilities
- Preventing Institutionalization – Psychiatric Hospital
- Employment for Transition Aged Youth
- Parenting supports for a parent with I/DD

## Small Waiting List in Vermont

- For eligible people who meet one or more funding priority the wait list is 0
- For eligible people who do not meet a funding priority the wait list in 2017 was 238
- It has been the practice of the Vermont Legislature to fund annually anticipated new case load. In 2017, 390 people benefitted from this funding.

## Other Information

- High Participant Satisfaction (NCI, Internal measures, State Quality Review)
- Employment Rate Statewide of 48%, averaging 8 hours of weekly employment
- Transportation is a barrier but not insurmountable
- Only 5 Psychiatric admissions during 2017
- Post Secondary Opportunities are becoming more accessible
- Increasing focus on inclusion and the development of personal social networks