



Winning

The WAITING GAME

DD Behavioral Crisis Supports

Children who have a developmental disability and difficult behaviors are rapidly entering the state DD residential system. Their families find themselves unable to cope with challenging crisis situations.

The intensive, crisis prevention help needed to hold some families together is unavailable in their communities, where the crises are happening. We are proposing to build a response and prevention system that will keep children and families from having to turn to out-of-home, out-of-family placement.

The Developmental Disabilities Behavioral Crisis Supports Program is modeled after a successful program in Oregon. The goal is to create capacity in local communities to respond to individual and family needs in order to prevent crisis-driven, out-of-family placement. A coordinated program of specialized training in behavioral supports and adaptations can provide a pro-active, early intervention approach that teaches children to self-regulate destructive behaviors at an early age, so they can remain successfully in the family home, local schools and community.

Developing this program in our state would take about \$54,000 per child for one year. This cost can be compared to out-of-home staffed residential at about \$146,000/year and an RHC at \$155,000-\$219,000/year. The program could be started with 100 families.

Providing intensive behavioral support services would enhance the child's and parent's skills to manage difficult behaviors, increase family and personal self sufficiency and save the state money.

Keep Washington Families Together!

**Washington State Developmental Disabilities
Behavioral Crisis Supports**

**\$2.9 m (State)
\$2.9 m (Federal)**