

What is a Supports Waiver?

Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Supports Waivers (SW) are designed to complement unpaid supports that are provided to individuals by family and other natural supports. Funding limits are lower than a comprehensive waiver. There is flexibility in the selection of services and supports.

How Many States Have Supports Waivers?

More than 20 states are currently operating one or more supports waivers. Additional states are exploring the development of supports waivers.

Examples of Services Provided in a Supports Waiver

- ✓ Personal assistance
- ✓ Day services outside of the home
- ✓ Supported employment
- ✓ Ancillary services (therapies, etc.)
- ✓ Behavior supports
- ✓ Respite
- ✓ Home modifications
- ✓ Adaptive aids

Examples of Potential Services for a NM Supports Waiver

- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Self-Advocacy Training
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Behavior Supports
- ✓ Help with Locating Housing
- ✓ Community Coordination
- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Budget and Money Management

Examples of Budget Limits in Other States

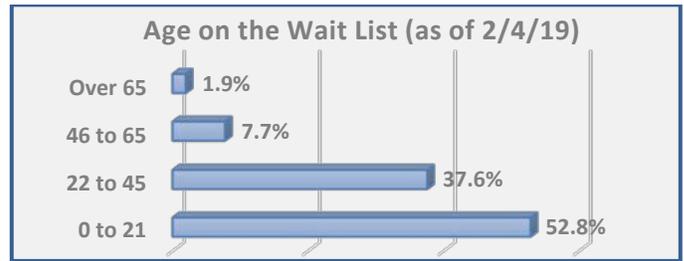
State	Funding Limit
AL	\$25,000
MD Community Support	\$25,000
MO Community Support	\$28,000
OK	\$20,761
PA	\$33,000
MT	\$20,000

Why Develop a Supports Waiver in NM?

To address the waiting list of approximately 5,000 people and the average time people wait for an allocation, 13.3 years. Additionally, to address the changing demographics of the waiting list.

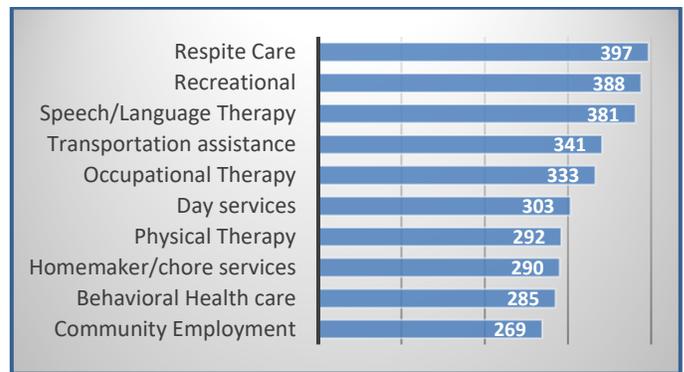
What are the Demographics of the Waiting List?

Younger people make up most of the waiting list. Approximately, 53% are 21 years and younger.



Keeping in Touch Letter (KIT)/Survey

The KIT, with a survey regarding services and supports, was sent to the 6,402 individuals on the Central Registry in August 2016. Of the 1,184 responses, below are the top 10 services/supports individuals felt would be helpful:



What Stakeholder Engagement Has Occurred?

From March 2017 through November 2018, 15 town hall meetings were conducted statewide related to the Know Your Rights Campaign and Advocate Rights and Responsibilities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). About 1,000 people have participated in the town halls.

What DID We Hear from the Town Halls?

Themes related to service needs across the town halls include:

- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Education

Themes related to quality of services include:

- ✓ Skill building
- ✓ Privacy
- ✓ Minimal/absence of comments about medical and therapy supports

Stakeholder Engagement Still Needed

To ensure the state meets requirements from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, additional statewide stakeholder engagement is still needed, including with our Native American tribal communities.