

Agency for Persons with Disabilities July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 Budget

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) will receive a record budget of \$1.31 billion on July 1. This is an increase of \$100 million over the prior year. This is a historic financial commitment to individuals with developmental disabilities in Florida.

Budget highlights include the following:

- \$36.4 million to offer waiver enrollment to people with critical needs and individuals in Category 6 who live in the family home, are at least 30 years old, have been on the waiver waiting list for 10 years, and a high level of need. The money is expected to enroll more than 1,300 people into the Medicaid waiver.
- \$2.5 million to offer waiver enrollment to approximately 55 people with Phelan-McDermid syndrome.
- \$25 million for service provider rate increases for:
 - Adult Day Training-1 to 3 staffing ratio rate increase
 - Adult Day Training-three percent across the board increase
 - Personal supports-three percent across the board increase
 - Residential habilitation-three percent across the board increase
- \$37 million for a provider rate increase to assist with compliance with the U.S. Department of Labor Home Care Rule for 1 to 1 services for personal supports, life skills development 1 (companion), respite, and residential habilitation live-in. An additional \$9 million is included in the budget to begin the rate increase effective April 1, 2016.
- \$0.5 million to continue the Employment Enhancement Project (EEP) for a fourth year which provides internships and on-the-job training for individuals on the Medicaid waiver waiting list.
- \$1.3 million for improvements to William J. Rish Recreational Park (Billy Joe Rish Park). Rish Park on Cape San Blas in Gulf County is a state park that was built and designed for people with disabilities.
- \$2.2 million for the new client database software and the electronic visit verification project. This is the second year of funding to continue system development.