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# Family Supports Waiver Regional Forums Themes

Family Support Waiver Steering Committee  
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# Agenda

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- **Regional Forums Themes**
- **Next Steps**
- **Questions**

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# Regional Forums Themes

## Program Design

- Some wanted less than \$12k cap so others could be served
- Program selection – priority vs lottery
- Help needed for families with multiple children on the WL
  - ✓ New reserved capacity priority
- Request from Mont Co ARC to support Integrated Specialized Day Care
  - ✓ IFDGS could cover some of cost
- Need for mental health services
- Vocational training for caregivers when loss of job

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## Clarification

### ➤ Eligibility

- Application Process
- Priority Categories and TY
- DD vs SO
- Submit new information or request reconsideration

### ➤ Updated assessments changed 2 children from SO and DD

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# Regional Forums Themes

## Waiting List

- Autism Registry vs DDA Waiting list
- Waiting List vs Future Needs Registry
- Ability to be on multiple
- Current placement on list

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## Future Needs Registry

- Some did not know they needed to update DDA
- One family determined to be in crisis and funding for services offered

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## Waivers

- Multiple waiver programs (Autism, Brain Injury, Model, Community Pathways, etc.)
- Can only be on one
- Clarified current waiver participants are not being transferred to new waiver

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## Opportunities

### ➤ Parents/Caregivers

- ✓ Overwhelmed – supported with person to talk to, information about resources, follow up calls
- ✓ Opportunity to network, meet others with similar challenges/needs,
- ✓ Information about available resources such as respite and family support groups available now

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## Opportunities

- Several people followed up by contacting the RO for additional support with their issues
- Sharing equipment no longer needed with others
- Extended family members – aunts, grandparents, sisters attended
- CCS confirmation and ability to change

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# Next Steps

- State review of input for consideration of final revisions – June 2017
- Waiver application posted to DDA Website
- Official final public inputs – July 2017
- Waiver submissions to CMS – September 2017
- Respond to CMS questions – September through December 2017
- Projected CMS approval – December 2017
- Projected effective date – January 2018



# Questions



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