

State Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Agencies Expenditures for Integrated Employment Services

In FY2004, the average expenditure per person for integrated employment as reported by state Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MR/DD) agencies was \$6,251 (Table 1). This figure has increased steadily since the mid-1990s indicating that states have slowly begun allocating additional resources towards integrated employment. However, growth in expenditures is likely a result of changes in federal law as opposed to changes in the amount of state dollars available to fund integrated employment. The Balanced Budget Act Amendments of 1997 expanded the eligibility for integrated employment services to all people served under the Medicaid Title XIX Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver. Between FY1996 and FY2004 state, county, or local MR/DD agency expenditures remained constant, while Title XIX waiver expenditures per person for integrated employment increased nearly 250%. It is expected that more recently enacted federal policies such as the New Freedom Initiative (2001) will continue to encourage states to make use of federal Medicaid dollars to fund integrated employment, and likely perpetuate these trends.

Overall, states have increased per-person integrated employment expenditures; however, there is significant variation across states and funding sources (Table 2). The per-person expenditure for integrated employment, considering funds from all available sources², ranged from \$90 in Kentucky to \$14,541 in Connecticut. The per-person expenditure for integrated employment using Title XIX Waiver funds ranged from \$5 in Washington state to \$12,429 in Arkansas. The per-person expenditure for integrated employment using state, county, or local MR/DD funds ranged from \$256 in Missouri to \$14,364 in Connecticut. The differences in per-person expenditure for integrated employment are important to note but are not necessarily an indication of the quantity or quality of integrated employment services in the state. Washington state and Connecticut both consistently support a high percentage of service recipients in integrated employment, however the state's per-person expenditures are significantly different. The differences in per-person expenditures are more likely due to variations within each state's economy than the quantity or quality of integrated employment services.

Table 1: Average Expenditure Per Person Served in Integrated Employment by Funding Source (Number of states reporting data in parentheses)

| | 1996 | 1999 | 2001 | 2004 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Title XIX Waiver | \$1,604 (14) | \$2,124 (30) | \$3,311 (29) | \$3,936 (26) |
| State, County or Local MR/DD | \$3,894 (17) | \$3,897 (24) | \$3,349 (27) | \$3,849 (25) |
| Average Expenditure Per Person (all sources) | \$4,730 (26) | \$5,003 (35) | \$6,188 (32) | \$6,251 (32) |

¹ Data for this Data Note is from the National Survey of Day and Employment Programs. Since FY1988 the Institute for Community Inclusion has administered the survey to state Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Agencies. The work is funded by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities and is designed to describe the nature of day and employment services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

² Available funding sources include: Title XX Social Service Block Grants; Title XIX Medicaid ICF/MR funds; Title XX Medicaid Waivers; State, county, or local MR/DD funds; and Other funds.

Table 2: Average State Expenditure per Person Served in Integrated Employment by Funding Source*

| STATE | Title XIX Waiver | State, County, Local | Total Reported Expenditures |
|-------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| AK | \$12,429 | -- | \$12,429 |
| AL | 5,950 | 2,205 | 8,155 |
| AR | 1,247 | -- | 1,247 |
| CT | -- | 14,364 | 14,541 |
| DC | -- | 5,645 | 8,065 |
| DE | 6,496 | 4,016 | 10,511 |
| FL | -- | -- | 2,631 |
| GA | 3,316 | 3,132 | 6,390 |
| HI | 8,102 | 8,102 | 8,102 |
| IA | -- | -- | 1,952 |
| ID | -- | 3,111 | 3,116 |
| IN | 973 | -- | -- |
| KY | 90 | -- | 90 |
| MA | 8,895 | 3,669 | 12,564 |
| MD | 4,027 | 9,533 | 13,564 |
| MI | -- | 4,605 | 4,605 |
| MO | 3,976 | 256 | 4,232 |
| MS | 2,098 | 1,884 | -- |
| MT | 7,091 | 690 | 8,810 |

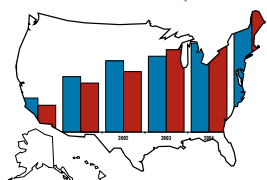
| STATE | Title XIX Waiver | State, County, Local | Total Reported Expenditures |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| NC | 2,774 | 2,010 | 4,784 |
| NE | 2,509 | 3,062 | 5,570 |
| NJ | 3,339 | 4,912 | 8,252 |
| NM | 5,876 | 816 | 5,876 |
| NY | 1,395 | 3,170 | 4,566 |
| OK | 5,108 | 970 | 6,078 |
| PA | -- | -- | 6,682 |
| SC | -- | -- | 1,762 |
| SD | 763 | 518 | 1,319 |
| UT | 4,733 | 1,878 | 7,059 |
| VA | 1,596 | 8,645 | 10,241 |
| VT | 4,924 | 6,054 | 6,054 |
| WA | 5 | 1,560 | 5,012 |
| WV | 578 | 1,431 | 1,729 |
| WY | 4,047 | -- | 4,047 |
| Average of States Reporting | 3,936 | 3,849 | 6,251 |
| No. of States Reporting | 26 | 25 | 32 |

*States without data in any of the three categories have been omitted from this table.

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