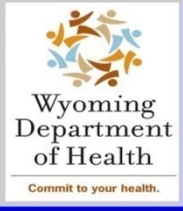


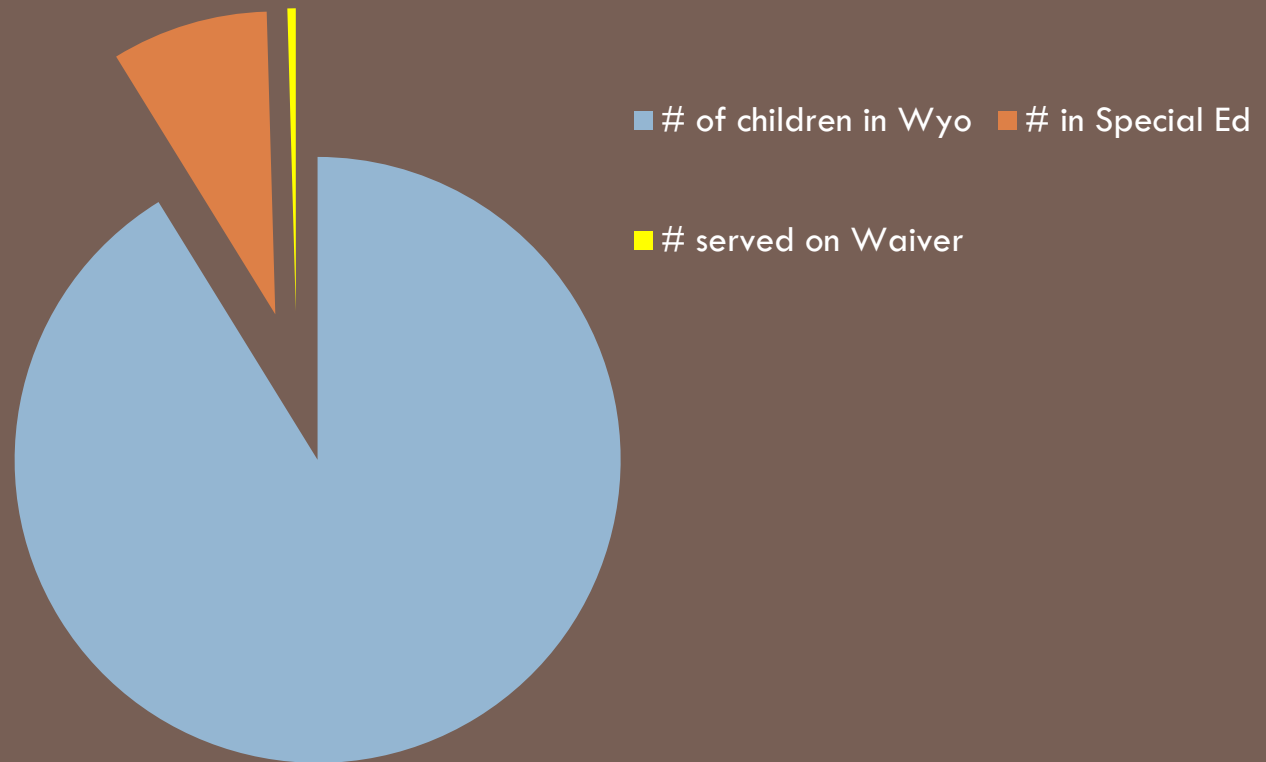
**Developmental
Disabilities
Division**



WAIVER INFORMATION AND CHANGES

**4th Annual Wyoming Special Education Leadership
Symposium July 28, 2010**

164,863 children in Wyoming
15,100 in Special Education
Only 809 on the DD waiver!



Children with Special Needs in Wyoming

ELIGIBILITY

A child must have a diagnosis of mental retardation or a developmental disability due to a related condition with significant functional limitations in 3 or more major life activities.

Eligibility

**160 KIDS ARE ON THE WAIT LIST AS
OF JUNE 30, 2010**

**They are funded based upon severity
and time spent waiting, alternately**

Waiver Waiting List for Children

INDIVIDUALIZED BUDGETED AMOUNT

Initial funding is based upon the child's ICAP adaptive behavior quotient and age.

Current IBA is based upon historical units X current rates – one time costs. No longer have a flat budget to spend.

IBA calculation

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

Added self-direction to the waivers

Added new services

Revised service definitions

Waiver Changes as of July 2010

NO WAIVER SERVICES DURING SCHOOL HOURS

In accordance with 42 CFR §433 subpart D, FFP may not be claimed for services when another third-party (e.g., Other third party health insurer or other federal or state program) is legally liable and responsible for the provision and payment of the service. This requirement applies to all Medicaid services, including waiver services. The Medicaid program functions as the payer of last resort.

§1903(c) of the Act provides an exception to the principle that Medicaid is the payor of last resort in the case of Medicaid-reimbursable services that are included in a child's individual education plan (IEP) under the provisions of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA). However, this exception only applies to those services that also are reimbursable under the Medicaid State Plan (including expanded EPSDT services). This exception does not apply to waiver services.

FFP regulations in CMS documents

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR...

- * Homeschooling
- * Shortened School Day
- * Graduating At 18
- * Home-based Education

Services during the school day

WAIVER CAN NOT PROVIDE
THERAPY TO KIDS DUE TO THE
SAME REGULATION

No therapy for children on waiver

The Division also looks closely at specialized equipment requests. Items for use at school or educational items that should be purchased by the school district will be denied.

Specialized Equipment

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

- * **Added service for 18-20**
- * **Require documentation from school why this is not addressed in the IEP or through Vocational Rehabilitation**

Supported Employment for ages 18+

CHILD HABILITATION SERVICE

Provides an option for child care assistance for children ages 0-17

New Child Habilitation Service

The Division is telling parents and providers that waiver services cannot be covered during the local school district hours, so they need to work with the school through the IEP process to discuss supports that meet the child's needs.

Division message to parents

OTHER SUPPORT OPTIONS

Child Mental Health Waiver

State respite program –

**Uplift, Parent Information Network,
local community resources**

Other Support Options

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WAIVER

Managed through Mental Health Division

Provides individualized services and support based on unique strengths and needs of children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families

Other waiver services

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Children's Mental Health Waiver

What is the Waiver All About?

[Click Here](#) to see how the waiver can work

The Children's Mental Health Waiver is a Department of Health Medicaid program that provides individualized services and support based on unique strengths and needs of children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families. The Children's Mental Health Waiver began in fiscal year 2007. The program has the following goals and objectives:

- Keep youth with serious emotional disturbances that need mental health treatment in their home communities with their parents/families involved in all aspect of their treatment thereby preventing custody relinquishment.
- Strengthen families' skills to support the physical, emotional, social and educational needs of their children.
- Provide non-clinical mental health support services as a part of the overall children's mental health system of care.
- Reduce, and in some cases, prevent the length of psychiatric hospital stays.

The waiver program serves children and youth who meet the following criteria:

- Children and youth between the ages of 4-20
- Meet the definition of serious emotional disturbance
- Meet at least one Medicaid criteria for inpatient psychiatric hospitalization
- CASII composite score of 20-27 (between ages of 6-20)
- DSM Axis 1 or ICD diagnosis
- Social and emotional assessment information (ages 4 & 5)
- Financially eligible for Medicaid based on *their own resources*

STATE RESPITE PROGRAM

More liberal eligibility criteria

Family receives 35 hours a month of respite

Cannot be used if child is on any other waiver

Other Support Options

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Uplift

Parent Information Network

Local Community Resources

Other Support Options

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NEED MORE INFORMATION ON THE DIVISION?

**There are Division field staff in 7
communities**

**Waiver case managers can attend IEP
meetings**

**Website and contact information on next
slide**

Division Information

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DDD Advisory Council

Early Intervention & Education Services

State Respite

**File a Complaint

**File an Incident Report

Wyoming communicates with their families, friends, and chosen support service and support providers.

Website Notice (7-6-2010):

To provide better customer service and faster answers to questions, the Division's Website will be under construction for next few weeks. During this time you will still be able to access the webpages currently available on the website without interruption.

Thank you for your patience!

2010 Waiver Changes and Reminders

[Service Rates for FY2011 Effective July 1, 2010](#) (includes new services)

[Waiver Service Definitions for FY2011 Effective July 1, 2010](#) (includes new service definitions)

[Waiver Changes 2010 for Providers](#) (Webinar powerpoint for Apr 26 & 27)

[Waiver Changes 2010 for Participants & Families - Webinar powerpoint](#) ([click for pdf](#)) Apr 2010

[2010 Waiver Changes timeline for Case Managers](#) posted April 2010

[Waiver Changes 2010 - Webinar Power Point for Case Managers](#) posted April 2010

[Webinar Presentation in pdf](#)

Waiver Updates - for July 2010

Over the past year the Division has been working on the Support Options Waiver and the Comprehensive Waiver; however, these waivers are being put on hold due to time constraints. The Division has decided to move forward and renew the Child DD Waiver (adding the option to self-direct services) and amend the existing Adult and ABI Waivers to include self-direction. Within the waivers there have been several changes to existing services and also new services have been added. (Service Definition Chart link is below)

Please take the time and read the following letters for more information regarding the waivers. These letters were sent to providers, parents/guardians, & participants.

[Child Waiver Updates - PDF](#)

[Adult & ABI Waiver Updates - PDF](#)

[Case Manager Updates - PDF](#)

[Provider Updates - PDF](#)

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