

## Vermont Developmental Disabilities Services One-Time Funding Summary Report FY 2016

This report reflects the spending of One-Time Dollars acquired and allocated in FY 15 and spent in FY 16. The report includes the two types of allocations made by DAIL:

1. One-time dollars allocated to Designated Agencies/Specialized Services Agencies (DA/SSAs) and allotted to individuals who meet clinical and financial eligible for developmental disabilities services.
2. One-time dollars allocated for Special Projects and other system initiatives.

**One-Time Funding Source:** When DAIL approves new funding through the Equity Fund and the New Caseload Fund, 100% of the annualized amount needed to support a full fiscal year of services for individuals is committed. This assures that funds to pay for a full fiscal year of services are built into the DA/SSAs base budget. When 365 days of funding are not required because the individual's newly funded services began after the start of the fiscal year, the unused balance creates One-Time Funding.

### **Allocations to Designated Agencies (DAs) and Specialized Service Agencies (SSAs)**

**Description:** Allocations were made to DA/SSAs at the end of the FY 15 when the One-Time Funding was generated. The amount of One-Time Funding allocated is at the discretion of the Department. Unspent One-Time Funding is deferred by the DA/SSAs to be used the following fiscal year.

### **Guidance:**

- Funding must be used for short-term expenditures that directly assist individuals with disabilities and their families. Funding may not be used for on-going needs. (See page 3: Allowable Uses for One-Time Funding.)
- Individuals may receive funding more than once during the fiscal year.
- The total allocation to any one individual cannot exceed \$5,000.

### Use of One-Time Funding in FY 16<sup>1</sup>

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| Total dollars allocated to DA/SSAs <sup>2</sup>                        | \$600,000 |
| Total number of recipients <sup>3</sup>                                | 799       |
| Average allocation amount  | \$751     |
| Percentage of recipients who met the anticipated outcomes <sup>4</sup> | 94%       |

### Dollars Allocated to Individuals by Categories of Service<sup>5</sup>

| Categories of Service                                   | Dollars Allocated |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. Flexible Family Funding                              | \$11,656          |
| 2. Personal Health/Safety or Public Safety              | \$221,645         |
| 3. Short-term Supports to Resolve/Prevent a Crisis      | \$135,417         |
| 4. Assistive Technology/Adaptive Equipment/Home Mod.    | \$128,232         |
| 5. Proactive Supports that are Short-term               | \$31,023          |
| 6. Transitional Supports to Become More Independent     | \$27,485          |
| 7. Small Grants to Promote DD Act Principles of Service | \$22,015          |
| 8. Individual to Attend Training/Conference             | \$17,624          |

### Number of Recipients by Categories of Service<sup>6</sup> (Choose One – Most Relevant)

| Categories of Service                                   | Number of Recipients <sup>7</sup> |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Flexible Family Funding                              | 10                                |
| 2. Personal Health/Safety or Public Safety              | 341                               |
| 3. Short-term Supports to Resolve/Prevent a Crisis      | 86                                |
| 4. Assistive Technology/Adaptive Equipment/Home Mod.    | 132                               |
| 5. Proactive Supports that are Short-term               | 43                                |
| 6. Transitional Supports to Become More Independent     | 18                                |
| 7. Small Grants to Promote DD Act Principles of Service | 69                                |
| 8. Individual to Attend Training/Conference             | 99                                |

<sup>1</sup> The dollars shown in this report are the full Global Commitment funds. The State share of Medicaid in FY 16 was 44.97%.

<sup>2</sup> As a basis for comparison, the 8-year average of total One-Time Funding dollars allocated to DA/SSAs was \$643,750.

<sup>3</sup> This number includes duplications (funding received more than once in a fiscal year) and includes 12 occasions involving multiple individuals benefiting from the purchase of goods, the delivery of training or an event.

<sup>4</sup> This calculation does not include situations where an outcome could not be determined because the funding was too recently allocated; allocated too close to the end of the fiscal year reporting period; or not used for something that had a measurable outcome.

<sup>5</sup> "Categories of Service" are shorter descriptions of the Allowable Uses for One-Time Funding on page 3.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> The category of service was not reported for one individual.

**Number of Recipients by Actual Outcomes Met (Choose All that Apply)**

| <b>Actual Outcomes Met<sup>8</sup></b>                     | <b>Number of Recipients</b> |
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| 1. Addressed Health and Safety                             | 250                         |
| 2. Improved Quality of Life (Accessibility/Accommodations) | 159                         |
| 3. Averted Crisis Placement                                | 52                          |
| 4. Increased Communication                                 | 32                          |
| 5. Increased Independent Living Skills                     | 32                          |
| 6. Increased Self Advocacy Skills                          | 148                         |
| 7. Maintained Housing Stability                            | 88                          |
| 8. Other   | 3                           |

**Allowable Uses for One-Time Funding:**

1. One-time allocations used as Flexible Family Funding for individuals with disabilities and families waiting for Flexible Family Funding.
2. One-time allocations to address personal health or safety or public safety issues for individuals with developmental disabilities.
3. Short-term increases in supports to individuals already receiving services to resolve or prevent a crisis.
4. Assistive technology, adaptive equipment, home modifications to make the individual’s home physically accessible, and other special supports and services not covered under the Medicaid State Plan.
5. Supports that may not meet funding priorities but are proactive and short-term in nature.
6. Transitional support to assist an adult to become more independent in order to reduce or eliminate the need for services.
7. Small grants to self-advocates, families and others that promote the Principles of Developmental Disabilities Services and used for innovative programs that increase consumer ability to make informed choices, promote independent living, and offer mentorship and career building opportunities.
8. Funding for people receiving developmental disabilities services to attend a training or conference that increases consumer ability to make informed choices, promote independent living, offer mentorship and career building opportunities. One time funds can only be used to cover the costs of training/conference registration fee and/or transportation costs for the individual, if needed, to attend a training or conference.

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<sup>8</sup> Individuals may have identified more than one outcome met. Numbers would not include the 115 occasions where an outcome was not yet determined nor the 12 occasions that involved multiple individuals benefiting from one allocation.

## Allocations for Special Projects

**Description:** Allocations are made by DAIL to fund Special Projects and other system initiatives that have been identified by the Department and/or through the State System of Care Plan process.

### Dollars Allocated by Special Project

| Special Projects  | State Funding    |
|---|------------------|
| College Steps – (Statewide)   | \$26,244         |
| Global Campus   | \$41,900         |
| Post-Secondary Education Initiative – (FF, HC, LCMH, NKHS, RMHS, UCS)           | \$190,800        |
| Project Search (HC, LSI, RMHS)  | \$112,248        |
| Vermont Communication Support Project – (Disability Rights Vermont – Statewide) | \$18,750         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$389,942</b> |

### Description of Special Projects:

- **College Steps** provides direct post-secondary educational support services to youth with developmental disabilities ages 18-26 enrolled in two-year certification programs at Vermont colleges throughout the state. The intent is to promote fully inclusive, individualized and career focused college experiences for students which lead to self-sufficiency and better career prospects after graduation.
- **Global Campus** provides lifelong learning and teaching experiences to adults with developmental disabilities. Outcomes from participation in a Global Campus are increased self-direction, increased confidence, public speaking skills, organizational and executive functioning skills and increased connections with other topical experts in the community. The process of inquiry into topics of interest increases community participation through personalized internships, peer-teaching opportunities, volunteerism, planning seminars and community action activities.
- **Post-Secondary Education Initiative** assists youth with developmental disabilities to engage in typical college experiences through self-designed education plans that lead to marketable careers and competitive employment. The initiative is created to assist youth to access fully integrated college coursework and fully inclusive campus life through peer mentoring, classroom education and career based internships. Youth additionally benefit from increased independent living skills. \$31,800 was granted to each participating agency (Families First,

HowardCenter, Lamoille County Mental Health Services, Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Rutland Mental Health Services and United Counseling Services.

- **Project Search** prepares student-interns who are in their last year of high school with technical skills through internship rotations at host business locations. The cornerstone of this one-year program is immersion in a single business for the entire school year where students learn career development skills through job coaching and direct guidance provided by the business' department managers.
- **Vermont Communication Support Project** develops and maintains the capacity to provide specialized communication accommodations to assist people with disabilities who have difficulty understanding court and administrative proceedings and may need assistance in communicating with their attorneys, judges and other officials. It specifically assists individuals who, due to their disability, might otherwise be unable to follow the content of proceedings or who have difficulty expressing themselves during administrative and court proceedings (e.g., CHINS, custody/parental rights, divorce, relief from abuse, child support, and interactions with professionals and attorneys directly related to such proceedings). Funding for this project includes contributions from the Department of Mental Health and Department for Children and Families for a total of \$60,000 in FY 16.

**Total One-Time Funding Spent<sup>9</sup> – FY 2016**

**Allocations to DA/SSAs**

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| One-Time Awards to DA/SSAs – FY 15 <sup>10</sup>             | \$600,000          |
| One-Time Awards to DA/SSAs – FY 16 <sup>11</sup>             | \$600,000          |
| Allocation to DA/SSAs to cover outlay for DOL overtime costs | \$300,000          |
| Miscellaneous expenditures                                   | \$107,710          |
| <b>Total One-Time Awards</b>                                 | <b>\$1,607,710</b> |

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| College Steps                                      | \$26,244         |
| Global Campus                                      | \$41,900         |
| Post-Secondary Education Initiative                | \$190,800        |
| Project SEARCH                                     | \$112,248        |
| Vermont Communication Support Project              | \$18,750         |
| Miscellaneous expenditures                         | \$130            |
| <b>Total One-Time Funding for Special Projects</b> | <b>\$390,072</b> |

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| <b>Total One-Time Funding Spent</b> | <b>\$1,997,782</b> |
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| <b>Total One-Time Funding Available – FY 16</b> | <b>\$4,443,222</b> |
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The amount of \$4,443,222 was available to the Department to allocate as one-time at the end of FY16. The amount of one-time dollars to allocate to providers is at the discretion of the Department. When an allocation of one-time is given to providers the uses are governed by the System of Care Plan.

<sup>9</sup> Funding for awards to DA/SSAs was generated and awarded in FY 15 and deferred by DA/SSAs to FY 16. Funding for Special Projects was generated in FY 16. Funding listed is in State dollars.

<sup>10</sup> These One-Time dollars were spent in FY 16.

<sup>11</sup> These One-Time dollars were allocated in FY 16 and deferred by the DA/SSAs to spend in FY 17.