




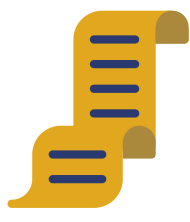



# MEET THE NEED NC

Changing the I/DD landscape across the state

Systemic change for I/DD community services and supports requires a common agenda.

## Where Are We Now

regarding Unmet Needs for North Carolina's I/DD community?

-  It is difficult for individuals and their families to find and understand information about I/DD services.
-  Families and individuals who wait for the Medicaid Innovations Waiver, many for over a decade, suffer in many ways with minimal support.
-  The ability for those with I/DD to live more independently in communities is impacted by the direct support professional workforce crisis, affordable housing, and many other factors.
-  The Registry of Unmet Needs\* is 15,000+ waiting *and growing*.
-  There are many who should be on the Registry of Unmet Needs who are not.
-  Those with lived experience are key to our educational efforts.
-  **NEW** Medicaid Transformation: Tailored Plans and 1915(i) should go into effect in 2023.

The terms Registry of Unmet Needs (RUN) or Registry refer to the waitlist of the Medicaid Innovations Waiver.

## VISION STATEMENT



## HOW WE WILL GET THERE

-  Collect information
-  Inform and educate target communities
-  Increase funding for additional I/DD services and supports
-  Meet the needs of those on the Registry of Unmet Needs

Disclaimer: This data is current as of May 2022.

# LEARN THE LINGO

**Olmstead Plan** Olmstead was based on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Olmstead says people with disabilities have the right to live in the community. It says that people do not have to live or receive services in an institution, nursing home or any other setting separated from others without disabilities to get the services they need. Those services should also be provided in the community. To learn more about the Olmstead Plan, visit <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/media/13787/open>

**I/DD - Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities** The umbrella term "developmental disability" means a pervasive, lifelong disability attributed to a mental/cognitive or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments diagnosed or that become obvious before the age of 22. **Examples of developmental disabilities include: intellectual disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Down syndrome, and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.** In North Carolina, individuals diagnosed with a TBI (traumatic brain injury) may also be eligible for I/DD services.

**Medicaid** Medicaid provides health coverage to millions of North Carolinians, including eligible low-income adults, children, people who are pregnant, aging adults and people with disabilities.

**Medicaid Expansion** This refers to the expansion of Medicaid services to cover more low-income individuals in the "coverage gap". North Carolina is only one of 12 states who have not expanded Medicaid.

**Medicaid Transformation** The North Carolina General Assembly established two types of health plans for Medicaid recipients: [Standard Plans](#) for the largest portion of Medicaid recipients; and [Tailored Plans](#) for people with I/DD and other conditions who have the need for more intense, or "tailored" services and supports. To Learn more about Medicaid Transformation, visit <https://www.arcnc.org/resources/nc-medicaid-transformation>

**NC Medicaid Innovations Waiver** The NC Innovations Waiver (formerly known as "CAP") includes federally funded services designed to meet the needs of Individuals with I/DD who prefer to get long-term care services and supports in their home or community. To learn more about Innovation Waivers, visit <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/providers/programs-and-services/behavioral-health-idd/nc-innovations-waiver>  
Are you eligible for an Innovations Waiver? Learn the answer by visiting, <https://disabilityrightscnc.org/resources/eligible-for-an-innovations-waiver/>

**RUN - The Registry of Unmet Needs** A Registry, or wait list, for individuals who are eligible for the NC Medicaid Innovations Waiver. Those on the Registry may or may not have Medicaid.

**LME-MCO - Licensed Management Entities - Management Care Organizations** Six LME-MCOs now manage services and supports for NC Medicaid beneficiaries who receive care for developmental disabilities, substance use disorders, or severe and persistent mental illness. To learn more about LME-MCOs, visit <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/providers/lme-mco-directory>

**1915(i)** Home & community-based, entitlement services for those on Medicaid. b3 services available for those on the Registry will be replaced by 1915(i) services. To learn more about 1915(i), visit <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/1915b3-1915i-transition>

**HCBS - Home and Community-Based Services** Disability services received in the community rather than an institutional setting. These services include housing, employment, professional caregivers, and therapies. The ability for those with I/DD to live more independently in their communities is currently impacted by the **DSP (Direct Support Providers)** workforce crisis, affordable housing, and many other factors. DSPs help support those with I/DD in their daily lives. DSPs help people become integrated and engaged in their community. They aim to assist people in realizing their full potential.  
What are Direct Support Professionals? Learn the answer by visiting, <https://nadsp.org/>

## THE PEOPLE WORKING WITH US: LAND/MEET THE NEED NC ADVISORY COUNCIL

This initiative brings together leading organizations, state agencies, and advocates across North Carolina to address the unmet needs of the I/DD Community. The LAND/Meet the Need NC Advisory Council is charged to bring the voices together to build and advocate for appropriate I/DD services and supports for individuals and their families. To keep abreast of our efforts, scan our QR code or click the link [Welcome to NC LAND!](#)



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