STATE OF THE STATES IN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROJECT: OVERVIEW

PROJECT OVERVIEW: The State of the States in Developmental Disabilities Project is a comparative, longitudinal study of states’ performance in financing intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) services and supports. The Project is primarily funded by the U.S. Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Project is located in Boulder, Colorado at the Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities and administered by the University of Colorado Department of Psychiatry in the CU School of Medicine.

The Project maintains a 35-year I/DD data set on all 50 states, DC, and preliminary data on the U.S. Territories. On the reverse page, four graphics present revenue and spending trends for people with I/DD in the United States.

Graphic 1: Medicaid Funds Constituted 77% of Total I/DD Services and Support Spending in FY 2011. Nationwide I/DD services and support spending in 2011 was $56.65 billion, and federal-state Medicaid spending constituted 77% of that total. The remaining 23% consisted of non-Medicaid federal funds, and state/local funds.

Graphic 2: Public I/DD Spending and Percentage for Family Support and Supported Living: FY 1988-2011. “Family support” is defined as respite care, professional support, and cash subsidy spending for children and adults with I/DD in the family home; “supported living” is defined as adults with I/DD living in their own, or a shared home, and choosing their roommates. Spending for family support and supported living grew from 1% to 20% of total I/DD spending during 1988-2011.

Graphic 3: Fiscal Effort for Community Services in FY 2011. Fiscal effort adjusts for state wealth, and is defined as spending for persons with I/DD per $1,000 of aggregate statewide personal income. The table ranks community fiscal effort for residential settings for 15 or fewer persons, and related community and family services, in the 50 states and DC. Community fiscal effort in 2011 ranged from $9.51 in New York to $1.45 in Nevada.

Graphic 4: Average Cost of Care Per Person by Residential Setting in FY 2011. Spending per person per year ranged greatly, from $220,100 in state-operated institutions to $26,258 in supported living. Settings for 7 or more persons included Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with an Intellectual Disability (ICF/ID) and other larger group settings and cost $60,576 per person per year; 6 person or fewer ICFs/ID and group, host, and foster homes cost $35,013 per year.

Consult our Website for more charts about each State, and for “create a chart” interactive data comparing all states and regions of the U.S.

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