

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**  
**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Senator Harrell, Chair**  
**Senator Garcia, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, November 15, 2023  
**TIME:** 8:30—10:30 a.m.  
**PLACE:** *Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building*

**MEMBERS:** Senator Harrell, Chair; Senator Garcia, Vice Chair; Senators Avila, Baxley, Book, Brodeur, Burgess, Burton, Davis, Gruters, Rouson, and Simon

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Health and Human Services Information Technology Update Agency for Persons with Disabilities		Presented
2	Opioid Settlement Funding Implementation Update		Presented
3	Implementation of SB 2510 - Pilot Program for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Update		Presented
4	Statewide Home Visiting Programs		Not Considered
Other Related Meeting Documents			

# Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

November 15, 2023

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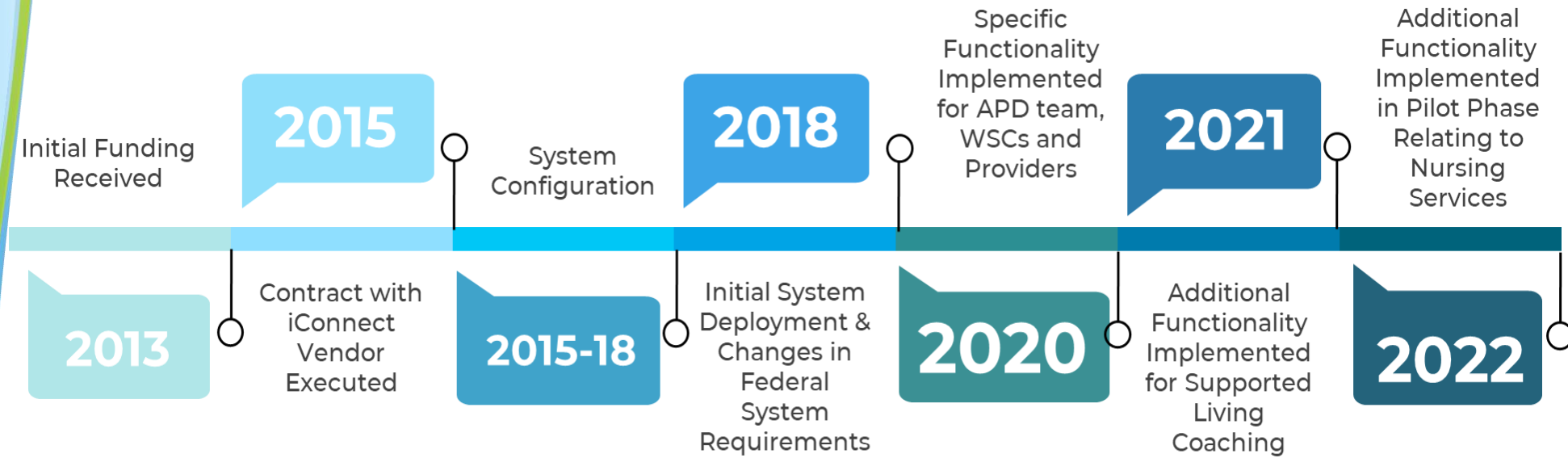
# iConnect Overview



Focus: iConnect is a client data management and electronic visit verification system with a goal to uncover opportunities for clients by increasing quality engagements and service delivery and enabling the system of care to work better together.

Users: Currently, the iConnect information technology system is utilized by the APD team, Waiver Support Coordinators (WSCs), and a significant number of providers that serve individuals with unique abilities.

# iConnect History



# iConnect – by the Numbers

- Fixed-price deliverables-based engagement.
- Since Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16, the project has expended (including projected expenditures for current FY 2023-24) in the amount of \$18.9M.
- Legislative Budget Requests for FY 2024-25:
  - \$2.8M to transition from iConnect system implementation to a maintenance and operation style engagement.
  - \$600,000 for third-party support to review current business and operating procedures relating to client systems to identify opportunities for enhanced efficiencies and client service delivery as well as to gather technical requirements for future system needs.

# iConnect Progress

- Project Optimization:

- Recruited and onboarded individuals with demonstrated experience in key roles such as an iConnect Program Director, Stakeholder Manager, and Business Analyst to establish iConnect as a program and bolster support.
- Secured third-party vendor to provide consulting services, project management, system architectural analysis and review to conduct research, provide counsel, and ensure leading practices are deployed throughout.
- Physically collocated with iConnect vendor during key milestone sprints including configuration and testing for upcoming functionality to enhance accountability and efficiency.
- Weekly executive level meetings with APD, iConnect vendor (WellSky), and third-party vendor leadership to review and manage weekly commitments, project timeline, deliverables, decision points, stakeholder feedback, and other objectives.
- Created a revamped comprehensive project timeline and incorporated project management leading practices and disciplines to deploy remaining functionality.

# iConnect Progress

- Stakeholder Engagement & Support:

- Planned, scheduled, and held 28 townhall meetings in all regions across the state, in partnership with iConnect vendor, WellSky, to provide iConnect vision, history, current and future state, project schedule, question and answers sessions and opportunities for attendees to provide feedback.
- Provided additional and enhanced offerings including system training, technical assistance, office hours, multiple reoccurring provider calls forums, written guidance, and initial flexibilities to provide clarity, support, and communication for stakeholders.
- This fall went live with functionality for new provider groups including services for life skills development, behavioral services and more.
- Established “Impact Sessions” to demonstrate upcoming functionality, receive implementation considerations and support opportunities from impacted stakeholders to provide additional avenues for communication.
- Continue collecting feedback from stakeholders on future system enhancements including opportunities for additional automation.

# On the Horizon

- Completion of Remaining Functionality:
  - 2024
    - Licensure Renewal, Monthly Residential Monitoring, New Provider Application – Licensed Facility
    - External Provider Interface - Manual and Secure File Transfer Protocol
    - Therapeutic, Supply, Equipment, Adaptation, Emergency Response System, and Transportation
    - Quality Assurance Reviews
    - Roster Violations and Arrest Notifications
    - Worker Portal



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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
AND  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

# OPIOID SETTLEMENT OVERVIEW



# Overview

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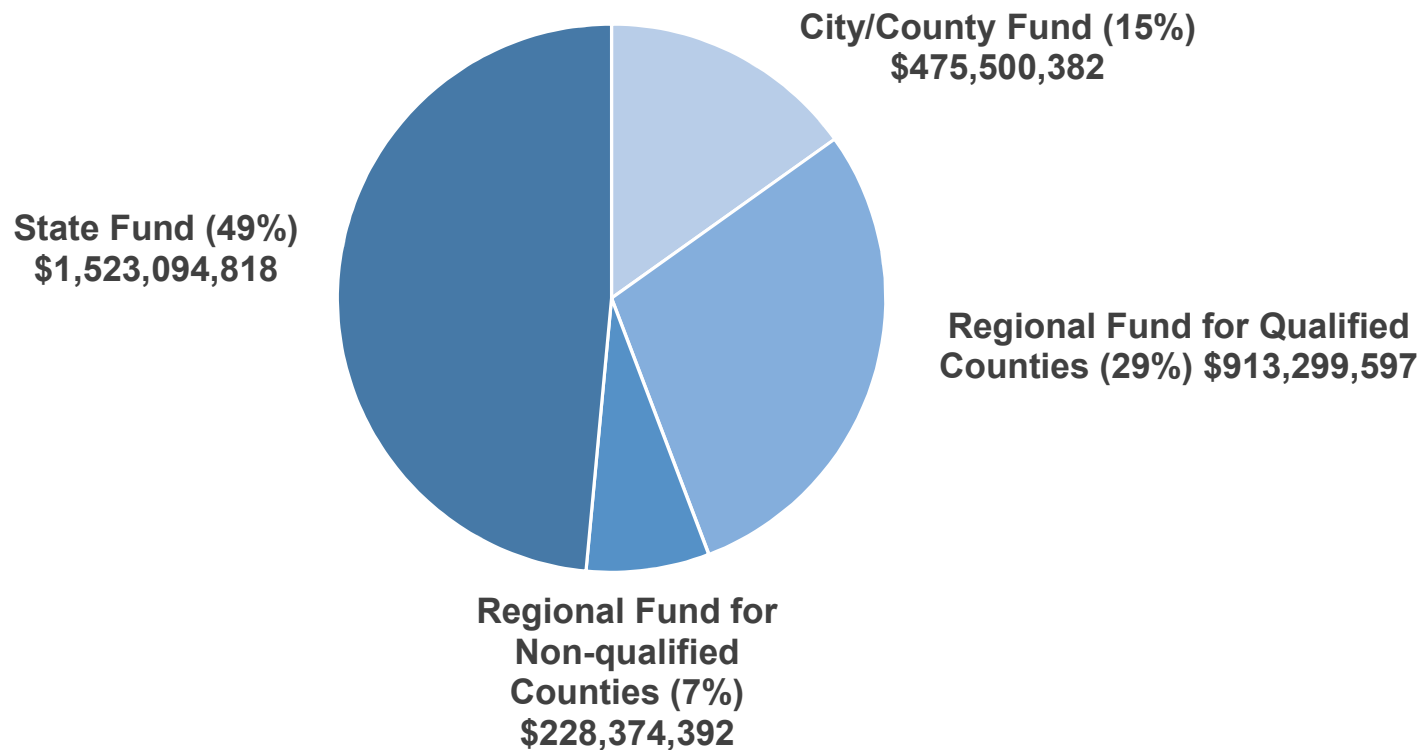
## **What is the Opioid Settlement?**

The Opioid Settlement refers to the legal resolution of claims against pharmaceutical opioid manufacturers and distributors for their role in the opioid epidemic.

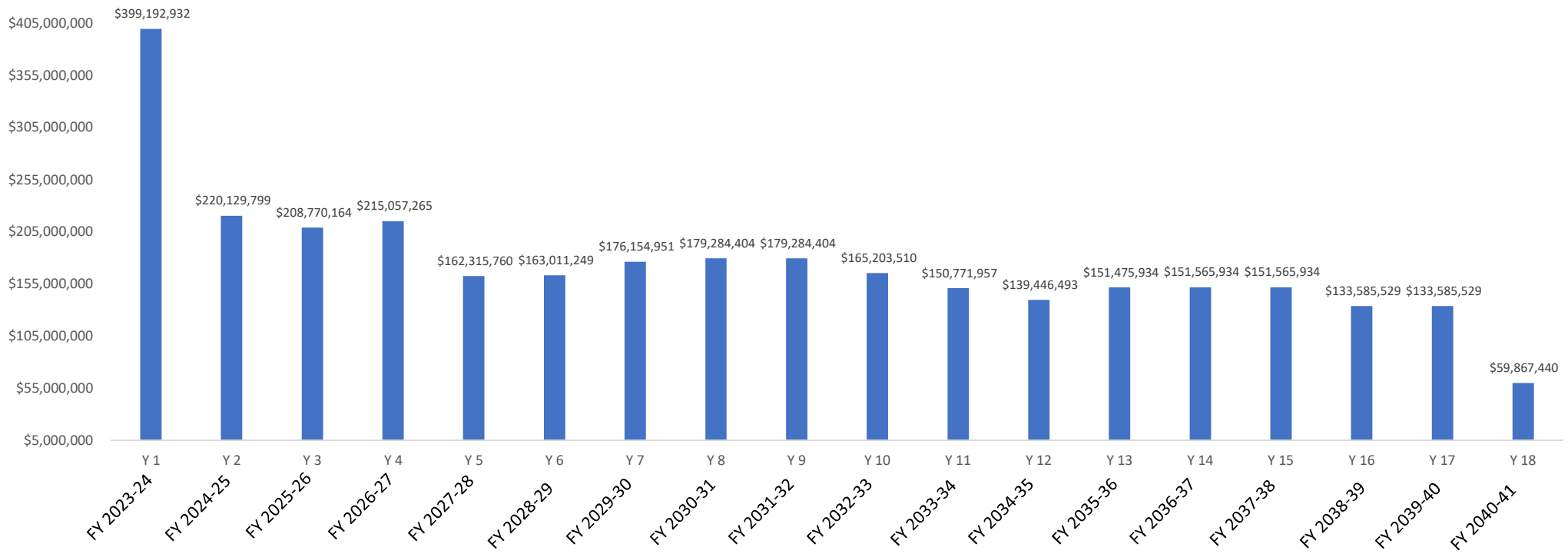
Opioid Settlement funds support evidence-based opioid abatement services to Floridians and communities effected by the opioid epidemic.



# Florida Opioid Settlement Over 18 Years \$3,140,269,188

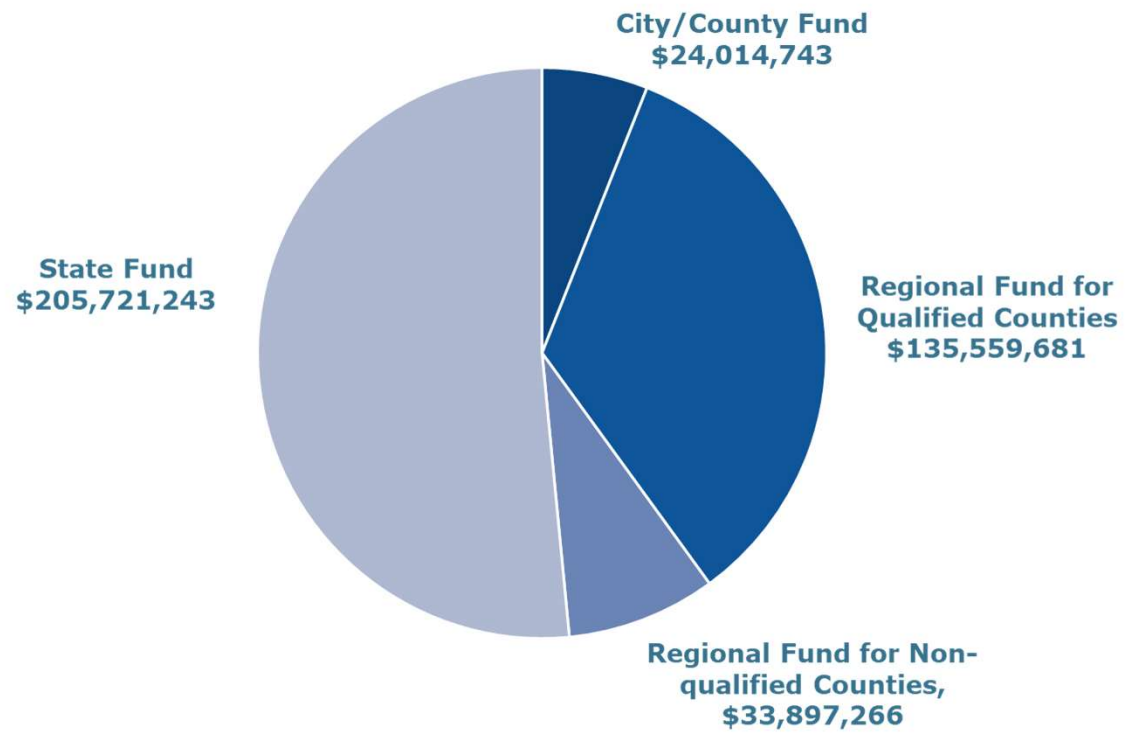


# Total Fund Distribution Over 18 Years

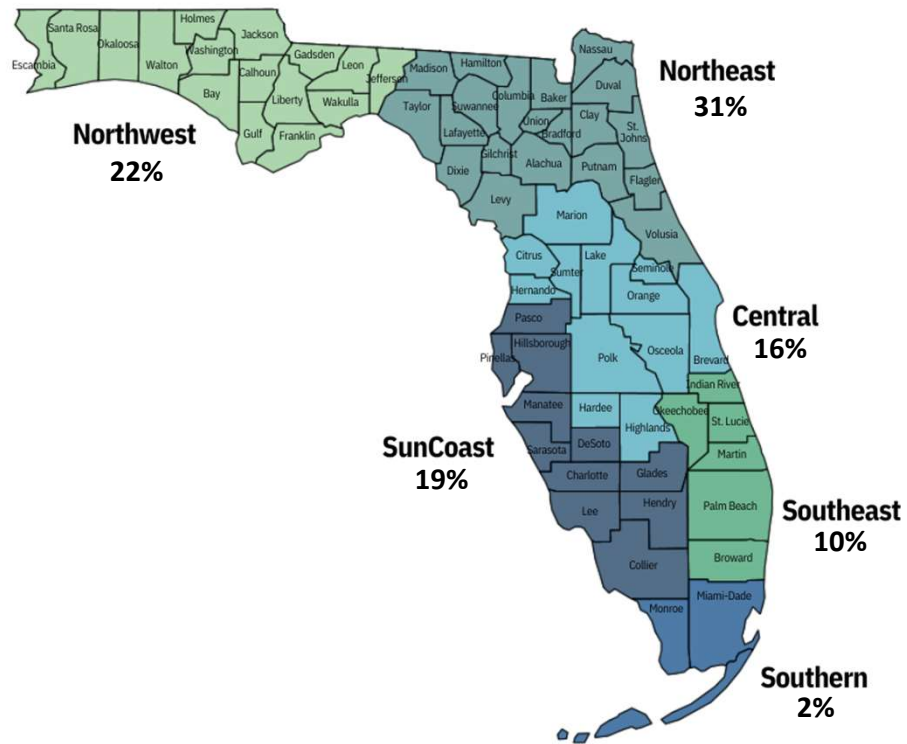




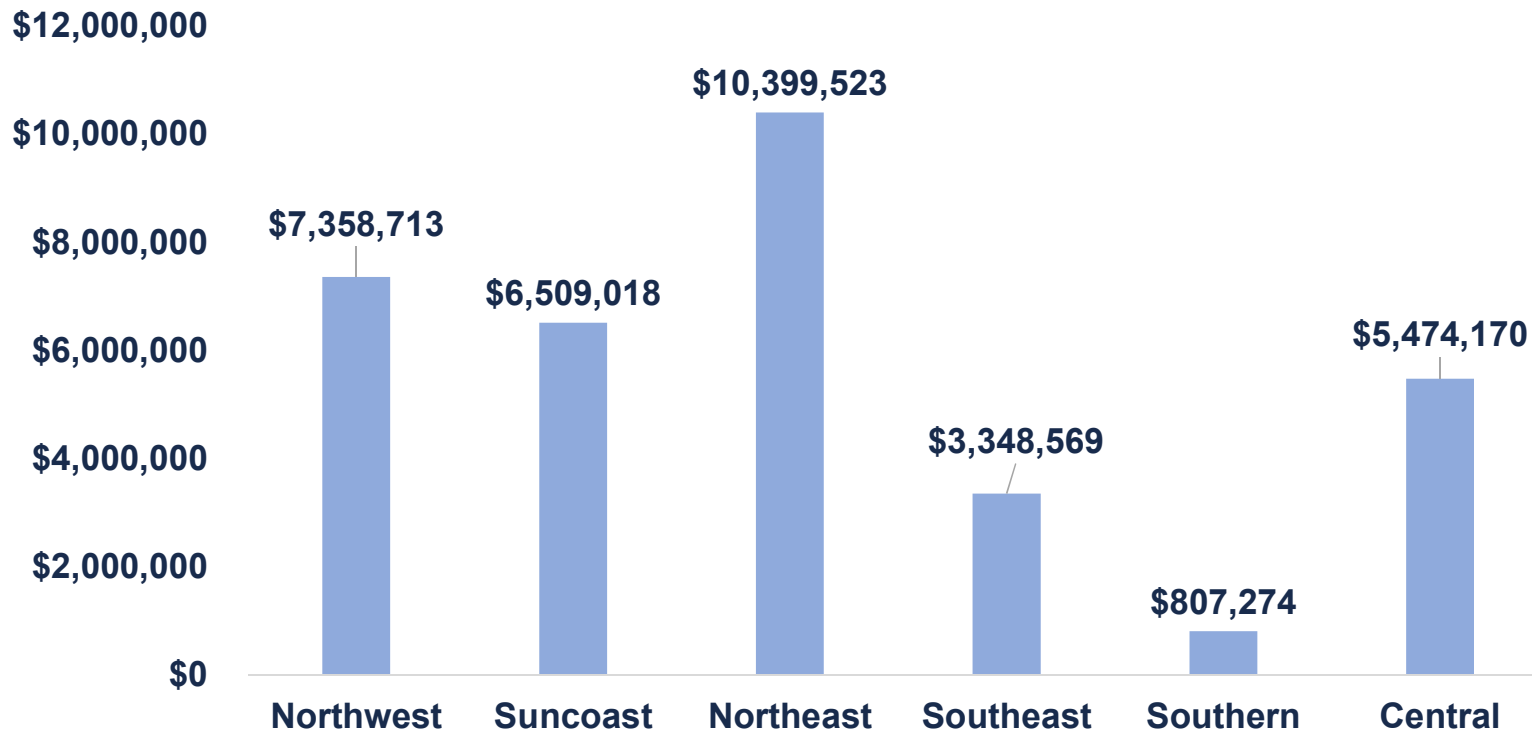
# Opioid Settlement Funding – Year 1



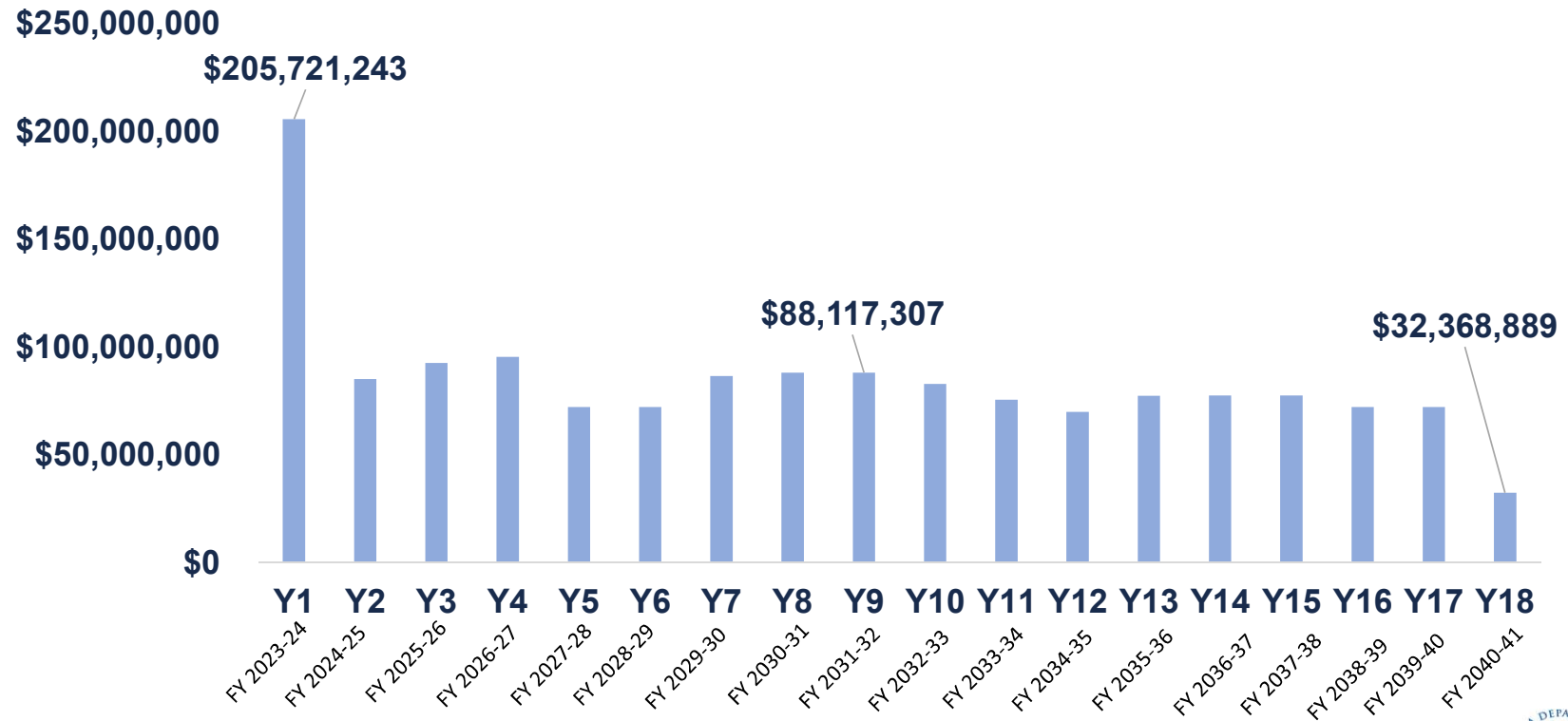
# Department Regional Map and Allocation Percentage



# Regional Fund for Non-Qualified Counties - Year 1

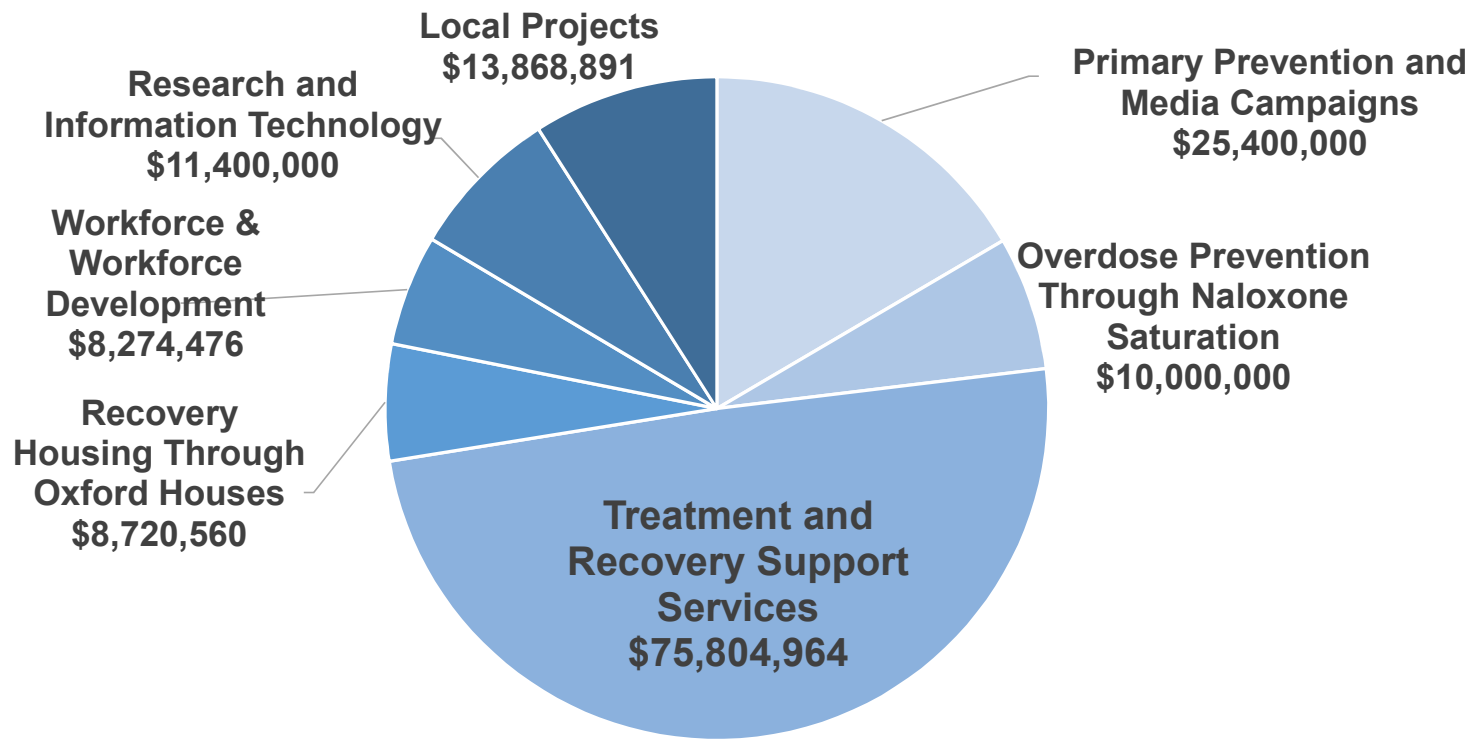


# State Fund Amounts Over 18 Years



# State Fund - Year 1 (FY 2023-24)

## \$153.5 Million



## Department Appropriation Allocation

DCF Initiative from State Fund	FY 2023-24	Recurring	Non-Recurring
Primary Prevention and Media Campaigns	\$25,400,000	\$0	\$25,400,000
Overdose Prevention Through Naloxone Saturation	\$10,000,000	\$250,000	\$9,750,000
Treatment and Recovery Support Services	\$20,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$5,000,000
Court Diversion	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
On-Demand, Mobile MAT	\$6,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$4,500,000
Jail-Based MAT	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0
Hospital Bridge Programs	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
CORE	\$26,804,964	\$26,804,964	\$0
Peer Supports and Recovery Community Organizations	\$13,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$11,000,000
Recovery Housing Through Oxford Houses	\$8,720,560	\$8,720,560	\$0
Office of Opioid Recovery	\$4,274,476	\$4,274,476	\$0
Specialized Training in Graduate Medical Education	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$0
Applied Research	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Statewide Integrated Data System	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0
Online Open Bed Availability System	\$4,400,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,400,000
Local Projects	\$13,868,891	\$0	\$13,868,891

## Funds Distributed to the Managing Entities

DCF Initiative from State Fund	FY 2023-24	Recurring	Non-Recurring
Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE)	\$26,804,964	\$26,804,964	\$0
Treatment and Recovery Support Services	\$20,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$5,000,000
Hospital Bridge Programs	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Peer Supports and Recovery Community Organizations	\$13,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$11,000,000
Non-qualified Counties	\$33,897,266	\$0	\$33,897,266

# Procurements – Year 1

Task	Target Release Date	Target Execution Date
1 Specialized Training in Graduate Medical Ed. (GME) and Residency Programs: Contract	Fall 2023	Spring 2024
2 Applied Research through Experts at Florida Universities: Procurement	Fall 2023	Spring 2024
3 Court Diversion Program: Grant	Fall 2023	Fall 2023
4 On Demand, Mobile MAT: Grant	Fall 2023	Fall 2023
5 Jail-Based Medication-Assisted Treatment: Grant	Fall 2023	Fall 2023
6 Recovery Housing: Grant	Fall 2023	Spring 2024
7 Integrated Statewide Database: Procurement	Winter 2023	Spring 2024
8 Open Beds Platform: Procurement	Winter 2023	Spring 2024

The Department of Children and Families will continue to focus efforts in responding to the opioid epidemic to reduce overdoses by implementing evidence-based programs and provide immediate access to evidence-based treatment models.

The table to the left lists procurement opportunities.





# Transparency and Accountability

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- Transparency:
  - Comprehensive data collection that captures treatment, prevention, workforce, and training.
  - Public facing dashboard to identify trends.
- Accountability:
  - Public facing financial reporting template.
  - Public repository of all county plans.



**Questions?**

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# iBudget Waiver & Pilot Program for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Senate Health and Human Services Subcommittee

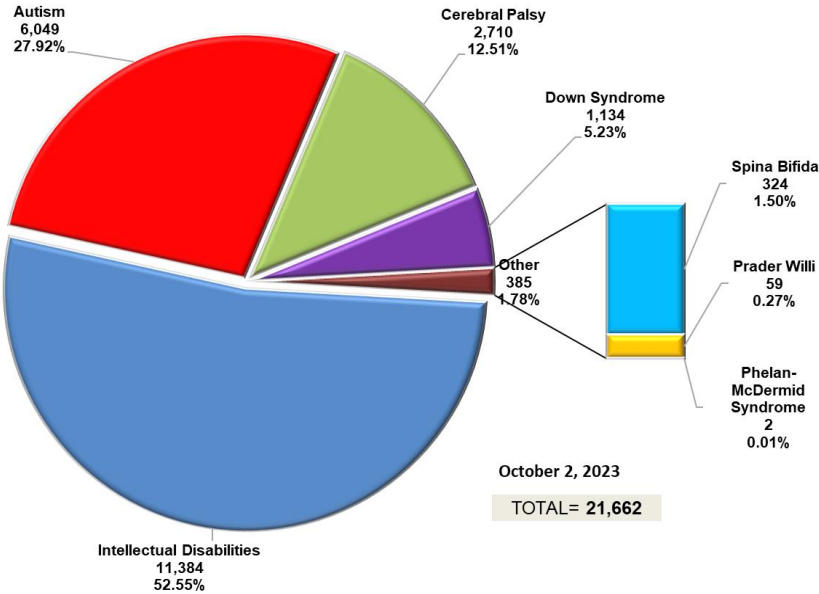
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# iBudget Waiver: Overview

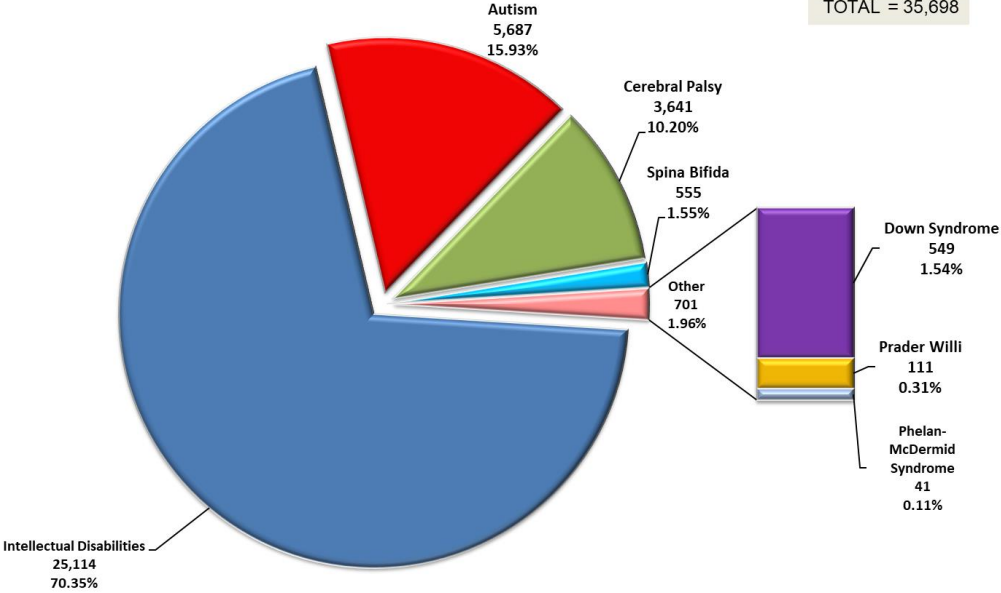
- The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) primarily provides services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities that are enrolled through a Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Waiver called the iBudget Florida Waiver.
  - Eligibility Criteria, as outlined in Chapter 393, Florida Statutes:
    - A person must live in Florida, be at least 3 years old, and have a diagnosed developmental disability, included below, that occurred before the age of 18 to be eligible for APD services.
      - Severe forms of Autism
      - Cerebral palsy
      - Down syndrome
      - Intellectual disability
      - Phelan-McDermid syndrome
      - Prader-Willi syndrome
      - Spina bifida
- As of October 2, 2023, APD serves approximately 61,173 individuals with unique abilities on their pathway to possibilities, of which over 35,698 Floridians are enrolled in iBudget Florida Waiver program.

# iBudget Waiver: By the Numbers

**Individuals in Pre-Enrollment Categories by Disability**



**All Individuals Enrolled in iBudget HCBS Waiver by Disability**



# iBudget Waiver: Pre-enrollment Categories

Priority	Total
Category 1: Crisis situations	N/A
Category 2: Child welfare system at the time of permanency or turning 18	N/A
Category 3: Intensive needs	210
Category 4: Caregiver is 70 years of age or older	83
Category 5: Transitioning from school	17
Category 6: Individuals 21 years of age or older who do not meet other prioritization criteria	12,872
Category 7: Individuals under 21 years of age who do not meet other prioritization criteria	8,478

*Data as of October 2, 2023*

Some individuals listed in the prioritization categories are receiving services through other sources such as:

- Medicaid State Plan provides robust services to individuals under 21 who have full Medicaid benefits
- Intermediate Care Facilities
- Public schools
- Natural supports and families
- Other supplemental funding streams available through APD to meet immediate needs



# iBudget Waiver: Services

- The iBudget Florida Waiver offers 26 services that are grouped into the following 8 service categories:
  - Life Skills Development
  - Supplies and Equipment
  - Personal Supports
  - Residential Services
  - Support Coordination
  - Therapeutic Supports and Wellness
  - Transportation
  - Dental

# Pilot Program for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

- During Florida's 2023 Legislative Session, SB 2510 and the General Appropriations Act included language directing the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) to implement a managed care pilot program.
- The language further directed APD to work in partnership with AHCA to:
  - Ensure the highest level of care coordination supporting a person-centered approach for those enrolled in the pilot program.
  - Increase access to providers and services including recruitment and retention.
  - Maximize community interactions through traditional and non-traditional pathways.
  - Allow for managed care flexibility to provide additional services.
  - Enhance accountability to include measuring outcomes relating to well-being, in addition to traditional health and safety measures.

# Pilot Program for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities



- FY 2023-24 budget provides coverage for up to 600 Medicaid recipients in the iBudget Pre-Enrollment group.
- Enrollment in the Pilot is voluntary.



- Authority in SB 2510 to operate in two Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Regions, with available funding.
  - Regions D and I
    - D: Hillsborough, Polk, Manatee, Hardee, Highlands
    - I: Miami-Dade, Monroe




- Provide a comprehensive
- service package of all services under the Long-Term Care (LTC) program, Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) program, and iBudget waiver.



- One plan to participate in the pilot program for each of the two regions.
- To be eligible to participate in the pilot program, a plan must have been awarded a contract to provide LTC services, pursuant to s. 409.981 as a result of an invitation to negotiate (ITN).

# Pilot Program for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Steps	Status	Notes
Submit Request for Federal Authority by September 1, 2023		The Agency held the required public comment period from 7/28-8/27/23 and submitted the request for a new 1915c waiver on September 1.
Receive approval from Federal CMS	In Progress	No initial concerns received from CMS.
Conduct Invitation to Negotiate to select one plan to participate in the Pilot in each region	In Progress	ITN posted on November 3, 2023.
Submit initial status report to Florida Legislature by December 31, 2023	In Progress	
Award contracts pursuant to the ITN and begin enrollment by January 31, 2024	In Progress	

# Pilot Program for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Steps	Status	Notes
Conduct Invitation to Negotiate to select one plan to participate in the Pilot in each region	In Progress	ITN posted on November 3, 2023.

## Goals

- ★ Maximize Managed Care flexibility to Provide Additional Services
- ★ Maintain Highest Quality of Care Coordination and Person-Centered Care Plans
- ★ Increase Access to Providers and Services
- ★ Increase Opportunities for Community Interactions

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# Home Visiting Programs





# Objectives

## Provide an Overview of:

- Universal Prenatal Risk Screen
- Coordinated Intake and Referral Process
- Healthy Start Program
- Nurse Family Partnership
- Healthy Families
- Early Steps Program

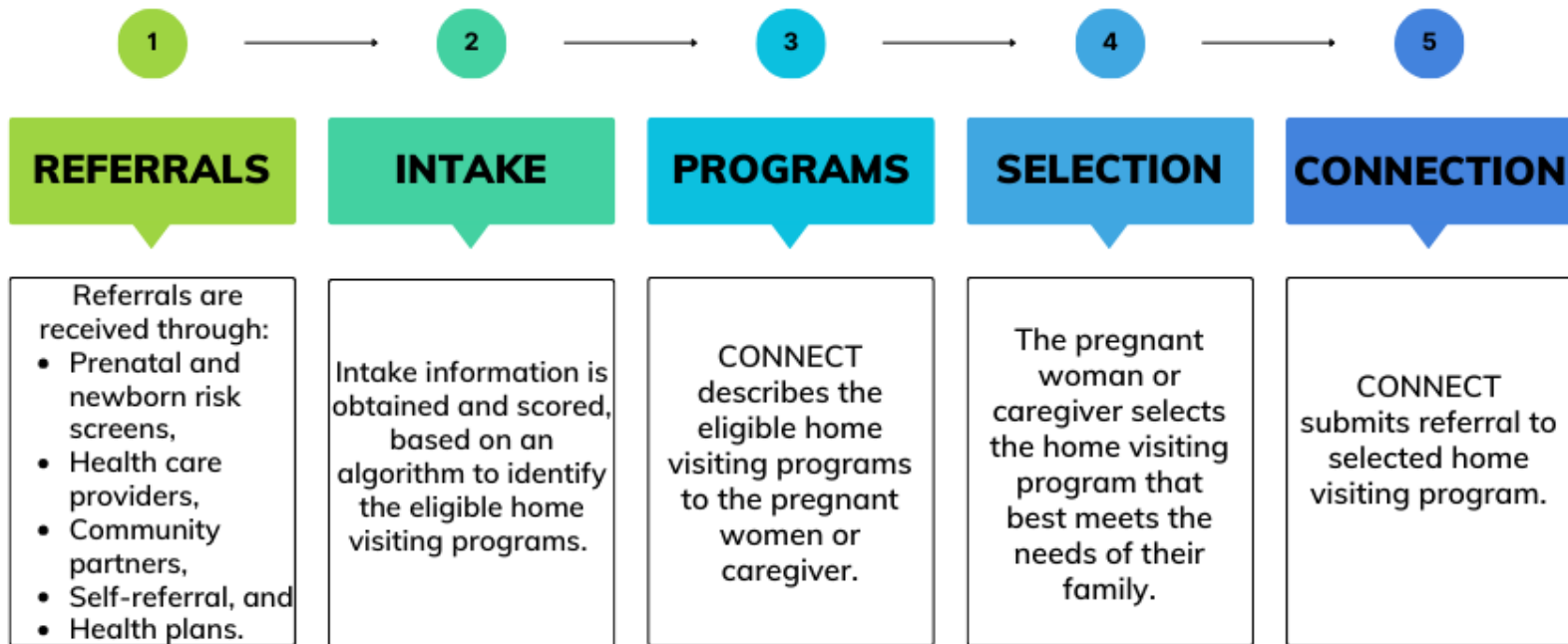
# Universal Prenatal Risk Screen Update

- Administered by health care providers at a pregnant woman's first prenatal appointment.
- Identifies pregnant women at risk of a poor pregnancy or birth outcome.
- Currently piloting an electronic process.
- Statewide implementation of the electronic process scheduled for July 1, 2024.

# Coordinated Intake and Referral

- Coordinated intake and referral, known as CONNECT, was created to provide streamlined access to home visiting services that best meet a family's needs.
- Healthy Start facilitates this process for all home visiting programs in Florida.

# Coordinated Intake and Referral Process



# Healthy Start Program Overview

- Healthy Start is a home visiting program that provides education and care coordination to pregnant women and families of children under the age of three.
- The goal of the program is to reduce risk factors associated with preterm birth, low birth weight, infant mortality and poor developmental outcomes.
- Sections 383.216; 383.011; 381.0055; 383.14, Florida Statutes
- Organizational Structure includes:
  - **Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions:** Serves as the governing body. Includes executive director and elected board.
  - **Healthy Start Coalitions:** 32 coalitions covering the 67 counties
  - **MomCare Network:** Serves as an administrative service organization representing all the coalitions under the provisions of s. 409.975(4)(a), F.S.
  - **CONNECT:** Coordinated Intake and Referral System for all home visiting programs in a community

# Healthy Start Program Eligibility and Services

## Eligibility:

- Pregnant women
- Children ages birth to 3 years old
- Parents and caregivers of children receiving services
- Fathers of children birth to 3 years old

## Services:

- Coordinated intake and referral
- Home visiting services
- Interconception Care
- Education Services  
(Breastfeeding, Nutrition, Tobacco Cessation, Childbirth, Parenting), and Psychosocial Counseling
- Fetal and Infant Mortality Reviews
- Fatherhood Services

# Healthy Start

## Oversight, Accountability, and Contracts

The Florida Department of Health contracts with the 32 Healthy Start Coalitions to provide services related to CONNECT, home visiting, community engagement, fetal and infant mortality reviews and fatherhood initiatives.

The Department provides oversight for:

- Adherence to contractual requirements
- State Healthy Start Program Guidelines
- Quality Assurance, Accountability, and Monitoring of Home Visiting Services
- Targeted Technical Assistance
- Fiscal Management

# Healthy Start Contractual Requirements

Topic	Department of Health
<b>CONNECT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate a Home Visitation Advisory Committee, that includes the participating home visiting programs in the community, to address implementation of the Coordinated Intake and Referral process (barriers, successes, outcomes, etc.).</li> </ul>
<b>Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish subcontracts for home visiting services.</li> <li>• Train subcontractors.</li> <li>• Monitor subcontracts.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Engagement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish public and private partnerships for the provision of coordinated community-based prenatal and infant health care.</li> <li>• Assess the maternal and child health system of care.</li> <li>• Develop strategic plans, with community partners, to improve the maternal and child health system of care in the community.</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fetal and Infant Mortality Reviews: Convene case review teams, and community action groups, to review cases of fetal and infant death, identify recommendations to improve systems of care, and implement recommendations.</li> <li>• Fatherhood: Provide fatherhood home visiting services, as described on the fatherhood engagement plan.</li> </ul>



# Healthy Start Contractual Requirements

Topic	Agency for Health Care Administration
<b>CONNECT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy Start Momcare Network subcontracts with all 32 Healthy Start Coalitions to provide Coordinated Intake and Referral Services.</li> <li>• Assign Coordinated Intake and Referral Specialists to each Medicaid Eligible pregnant woman or child from birth to 3-years.</li> </ul>
<b>Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 32 coalitions establish subcontracts for home visiting services to Medicaid Eligible pregnant women and children from birth to 3-years.</li> <li>• Train subcontractors in all aspects of the requirements of the HSMN Agreement with AHCA.</li> <li>• Monitor subcontracts.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Engagement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish public and private partnerships for the provision of coordinated community-based prenatal and infant health care to Medicaid recipients.</li> <li>• Coordination with Medicaid Managed Care Plans on services provided to recipients who are enrolled on the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) program and who are also receiving services from a Healthy Start Coalition.</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly submission of Quality Performance Measures and number of services provided to Medicaid Eligible recipients.</li> <li>• Develop and maintain a secure database for the storage of all data related to work performed.</li> <li>• Provide access to secure database to AHCA, DOH, and SMMC health plans.</li> </ul>

# Healthy Start Funding

Fiscal Year	Department of Health	Agency for Health Care Administration
<b>2021-2022</b>	Federal: \$4,485,431 General Revenue: \$19,975,176 <b>Total: \$24,460,607</b>	MCTF Funds: \$41,728,067 General Revenue: \$24,888,876 <b>Total: \$66,616,943</b>
<b>2022-2023</b>	Federal: \$4,485,431 General Revenue: \$19,975,176 Fetal and Infant Mortality Reviews: \$1,602,000 Fatherhood Program: \$4,420,000 <b>Total: \$30,482,607</b>	MCTF Funds: \$38,058,383 General Revenue: \$25,056,679 <b>Total: \$63,115,062</b>
<b>2023-2024</b>	Federal: \$4,485,431 General Revenue: \$33,975,341 Fetal and Infant Mortality Reviews: \$1,602,000 Fatherhood Program: \$4,400,000 <b>Total: \$44,462,772</b>	MCTF Funds: \$37,540,839 General Revenue: \$25,574,223 <b>Total: \$63,115,062</b>

# Nurse Family Partnership Overview

- National, evidence-based program that provides home visitation services to first-time mothers.
- The goal of the program is to:
  - Improve pregnancy outcomes by helping women engage in good preventive health practices.
  - Improve child health and development by helping parents provide responsible care.
  - Improve the economic self-sufficiency of the family by helping parents develop a vision for their own future.

# Nurse Family Partnership Eligibility and Services

## Eligibility:

- First time pregnant women.
- Entry into the program must occur by the 28th week of pregnancy.
- Client must be within 235% of the federal poverty level.

## Services:

- Specially-trained nurses provide home visiting services during pregnancy through the child's second birthday.
- Connection to educational and employment resources.
- Preventative health services and linkage to care providers.
- Referral to services for mental health and substance use disorders.

# Nurse Family Partnership Oversight, Accountability, and Contracts

- The Florida Department of Health contracts with Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions for five Nurse Family Partnership sites, in accordance with the General Appropriations Act.
- The contract requires:
  - Registered Nurses to be hired and trained for home visiting services.
  - A minimum number of clients based on the funding amount.
  - Services to be provided in accordance with the national Nurse Family Partnership model.
- The Department provides oversight for:
  - Adherence to contractual requirements
  - Quality Assurance, Accountability, and Monitoring
  - Targeted Technical Assistance
  - Fiscal Management

# Nurse Family Partnership Funding

## Nurse Family Partnership Programs Funded by the Department

Fiscal Year	Contract Amount	Counties and Provider
2021-2022	\$750,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brevard: Prenatal &amp; Infant Care Health Care Coalition of Brevard County</li> <li>Hillsborough: Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County, Inc.</li> <li>Orange: Healthy Start Coalition of Orange County, Inc.</li> <li>Miami-Dade: Health Choice Network of Florida, Inc.</li> </ul>
2022-2023	\$500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brevard: Prenatal &amp; Infant Care Health Care Coalition of Brevard County</li> <li>Hillsborough: Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County, Inc.</li> <li>Orange: Healthy Start Coalition of Orange County, Inc.</li> <li>Miami-Dade: Health Choice Network of Florida, Inc.</li> </ul>
2023-2024	\$1,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hillsborough: Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County, Inc.</li> <li>Orange: Healthy Start Coalition of Orange County, Inc.</li> <li>Miami-Dade: Health Choice Network</li> <li>Treasure Coast Region (St. Lucie, Indian River, and Martin Counties): Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County, Inc.</li> <li>North Central Region (Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Sumter, Marion, Alachua, Dixie, Gilchrist, and Levy counties): Healthy Start of North Central Florida, Inc.</li> </ul>

# Healthy Families Florida

- Nationally accredited home visiting program for expectant parents and parents of newborns.
- The goal of the program is to improve childhood outcomes and increase family self-sufficiency by empowering parents through education and community support.
- In FY 2022-23:
  - \$28.3M in state funding
  - 9,048 families served
  - 16,105 children served

# Healthy Families Florida Eligibility

- Pregnant or with an infant 3 months old or less.
- Resides in Healthy Families Florida (HFF) service area.
- Positive score on Prenatal Risk Screen, Infant Risk Screen or HFF Record Referral Screen, or referral by specific partner agency (DCF, a CBC, DJJ, or Early Childhood Court).
- Facing challenging life circumstances.



# Healthy Families Florida Services

- Available in all 67 counties - some programs (45) are county-wide, others (22) zip code specific.
- 11 sites provide enhanced services with either a Behavioral Health Navigator or a Family Specialist.
- Families are offered personalized weekly visits. As they progress through the program visits become less frequent.
- Home Visitors are there to work with families across many of their child's developmental stages.
- Families can participate until their child turns 5.

# Healthy Families Florida Outcomes

## Keeping Children Safe:

- 99% of children remain free of verified maltreatment one year after completing the program.

## Strengthening Families:

- 86% of adult participants improved their self-sufficiency by getting a job, enrolling in job training, furthering their education, or securing stable housing while in the program.

## Promoting Healthy Child Development:

- 97% of children and 97% of adult participants are connected to a medical provider while in the program.

# Early Steps Program Overview

- Early Steps is a comprehensive statewide program for infants and toddlers with disabilities, ages birth to 3, and their families
- This Program:
  - Enhances the development of infants and toddlers with disabilities;
  - Reduces educational costs by minimizing the need for special education through early intervention; and
  - Enhances the capacity of families to meet their child's needs.
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C, 34 CFR §303
- Chapter 391, Part III, Sections 391.301-391.308, Florida Statutes
- The Florida Department of Health is the designated lead agency.

# Early Steps Program Eligibility and Services

## Eligibility:

- Birth to 3 years old
- Developmental delay
- Established conditions that commonly cause developmental delay
- At-risk conditions that may cause developmental delay

## Early Intervention Services:

- Service coordination
- Early intervention sessions
- Counseling
- Therapies (speech/physical/occupational)
- Vision and hearing services
- Assistive technology
- Other required services

# Early Steps Program Oversight, Accountability, and Contracts

- Early Steps State Office provides the following oversight:
  - Policies and Procedures
  - Quality Assurance, Accountability, and Monitoring
  - Targeted Technical Assistance and Professional Development
  - Fiscal Management
  - Dispute Resolution
- Governor appointed Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers (FICCIT)
- Contracts with 15 Local Early Steps Programs for statewide services
  - Responsible for local program oversight, including service delivery.
  - Service Coordinators and Family Resource Specialists
  - Early Intervention Service Providers, internal and contracted

# Early Steps Program Funding

Fiscal Year	Department of Health
<b>2021-2022</b>	Federal: \$26,255,076 General Revenue: \$47,361,173 <b>Total: \$73,616,249</b>
<b>2022-2023</b>	Federal: \$31,017,140 General Revenue: \$47,361,173 <b>Total: \$78,378,313</b>
<b>2023-2024</b>	Federal: \$38,205,397 General Revenue: \$47,361,173 <b>Total: \$85,566,570</b>

**Thank You**

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### The Honorable Gayle Harrell

Chair, Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

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Dear Chair Harrell,

I respectfully request an excused absence from the November 15, 2023, meeting of the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Corey Simon".

Corey Simon

**Senator, District 03**

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8:32:57 AM TAB 1 - Health and Human Services Information Technology Update, Agency for Persons with Disabilities  
8:33:16 AM Kathryn Whitehurst, Director of Strategic Programming and Operational Alignment, Agency for Persons with Disabilities  
8:41:31 AM Sen. Book  
8:42:05 AM Sen. Harrell  
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9:03:59 AM TAB 2 - Opioid Settlement Funding Implementation Update  
9:04:03 AM Sen. Harrell  
9:04:47 AM James Percival, Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney General  
9:08:29 AM Erica Floyd Thomas, Assistant Secretary of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Department of Children and Families  
9:19:42 AM Sen. Burton  
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10:00:53 AM TAB 3 - Implementation of SB 2510 - Pilot Program for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Update  
10:01:07 AM Sen. Harrell  
10:01:27 AM Lorena Fulcher, Deputy Director of Operations, Agency for Persons with Disabilities  
10:12:38 AM Austin Noll, Deputy Secretary for Medicaid Policy, Quality, and Operations, Agency for Health Care Administration  
10:16:36 AM Sen. Harrell  
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