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The Honorable Alan Bates, Co-Chair
The Honorable Nancy Nathanson, Co-Chair
Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services
900 Court Street NE
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Dear Co-Chairs:

During the March 14th Developmental Disability (DD) Services presentation to the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services, questions were raised regarding the interplay of Child Welfare (CW) and Developmental Disability Services for children. In addition, questions were raised regarding the relative costs of Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) in-home supports to families compared to the cost of Child Welfare foster care services.

Question 1: Interaction between Child Welfare and Developmental Disability Services:

Interplay of Child Welfare and Developmental Disability Services:

In order to describe the intersection of Child Welfare and Developmental Disability Services, a brief overview will help provide some perspective. Developmental Disability Services served 5,472 children in October of 2012. Of these children, 4,719 (or 86 percent) were served in their family home and received varying degrees of in-home support. 753 or (14 percent) of these children were served in out-of-home placement.

Out of Home I/DD Children:

Of the 551 children in I/DD foster care, over time about 75 percent, or 413 have Child Welfare as the Guardian.

Of the 202 children in residential care (proctor care or group home) about 50 percent, or 101 have Child Welfare as their Guardian.

In summary, 86 percent of children served through the DD system are served in their home. Of the remaining 14 percent who are served in out-of-home placements, approximately 68percent have Child Welfare as their guardians.

Who Provides Services I/DD or CW?

In our current structure, when a child is in Child Welfare care and is identified as having a developmental disability, primary responsibility for service delivery is in general transferred to the Developmental Disability system. However, Child Welfare maintains guardianship and is responsible for the legal status of the child.

Comparison of In-Home Supports and Foster Care:

The cost for I/DD children's foster care services is higher than that of I/DD intensive in-home supports. However, I/DD foster care services are part of the I/DD comprehensive waiver, and receive a 66 percent federal match, whereas I/DD in-home supports have been all General Fund. It is possible that a subset of the children in foster care could be supported in the home with additional supports. In order to address this, Child Welfare and Developmental Disability Services have been collaborating to develop alternative models to support children served by both our systems. The current plan calls for:

- Moving the program, Long Term (In-Home) Supports for Children into a waived service in order to capture federal match
- Utilizing In-Home Supports in the CW foster care setting to deter long-term placement in DD foster care
- Enhancing use of In-Home Supports to support children to return home from out-of-home placement
- Increasing the focus on permanency planning for children served by the CW and DD systems.

I/DD children in CW Foster Care:

As previously stated, under our current system the majority of children in CW guardianship who have a developmental disability, transfer to the DD service system. However a small number of children remain in Child Welfare funded

Foster Care. During the course of a Child Abuse Assessment, Child Welfare may become aware of a child who has or may have developmental disabilities. The Child Welfare staff may offer Voluntary services to the family which may include a referral to DD services and assist in obtaining an assessment of the child for DD services. In some cases the child will remain in Child Welfare funded services because Child Welfare may be able to provide additional services to the family which DD programs may not offer to families. The parent(s) retain some or all of the parental decision making for the child. These cases are consider short-term and are required to be reviewed by the Court within 180 days of Voluntary placement.

If families find they are not able to support their child in the home even with available supports, parents may voluntarily place a child in out-of-home placement through the Developmental Disability Services without involving Child Welfare services. In the mid-1990's families advocated for a separate children's services program for DD children rather than being required to go through the Child Abuse System to receive voluntary services, as doing so carried a stigma. In these cases, the family signs a Voluntary Placement Agreement with Developmental Disability Services, in which they maintain full parental rights and responsibilities.

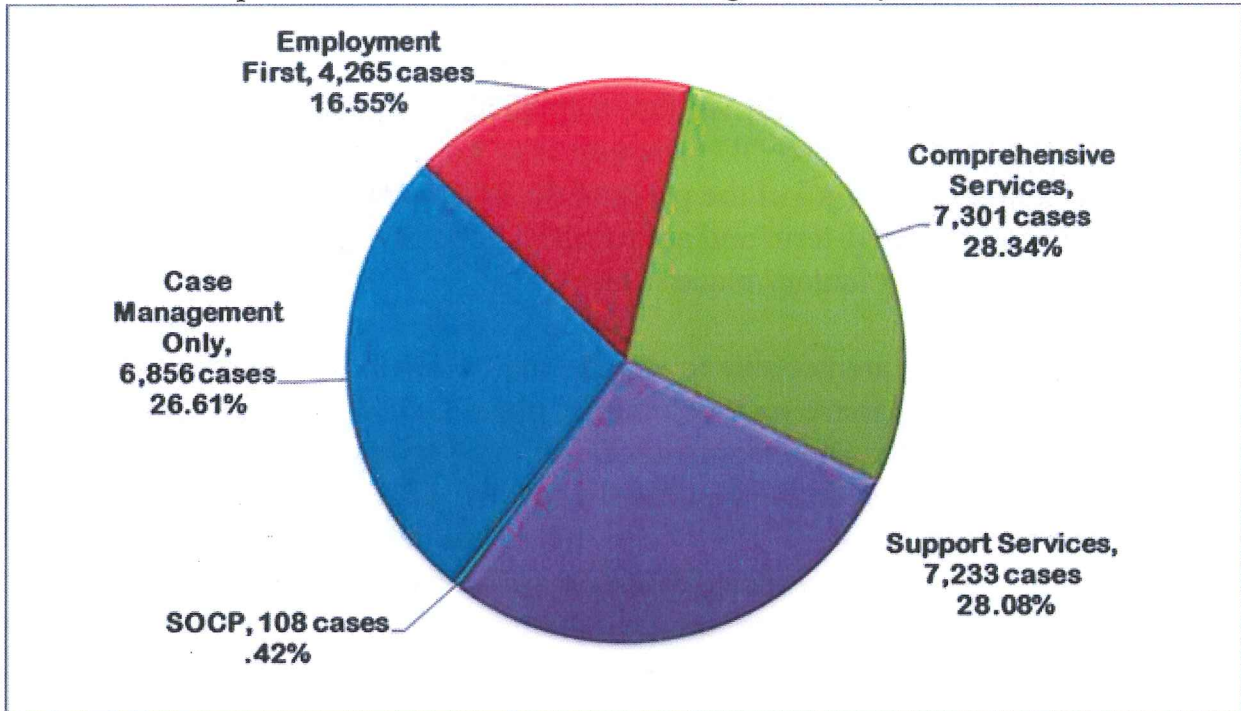
It is important to remain with a dual entry model to meet the needs of the children and to meet the needs of the families of these children.

Question 2: Complaint Trends in Institutions:

Category of Complaint *	2011 complaints	Time to resolve/investigate
24 Hour Residential	7	2-5 working days
Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) Rates	26	Not tracked
Support Needs Assessment Profile (SNAP) Rates	10	Not tracked
Adult Foster Home Complaints	39	3-60 days depending on issue
Administrative Complaint Review **	8	Not tracked
Medically Fragile, Behavior, Medically Involved Children	7	within 30 days average
*All separate systems for tracking of reported complaint data. Data does not include complaints received at the local Community Developmental Disabilities Program or Support Service Brokerages		
** 2012 Data - 2011 Data not tracked		

Question 3: Caseloads compared to budget areas:

Developmental Disabilities 13-15 Average Monthly Case Loads



*Employment First is budgeted in Comprehensive Services.

Comprehensive Services:

Children's Intensive In-Home Services
Adult Long Term In-Home Supports
24 Hour Residential Services
Adult & Child Foster Care
Children's Residential
Proctor Foster Care

Support Services:

Children's Long Term In-Home Supports
Brokerage/Staley Support Services
Family Support

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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