



Services for Oregon's Most Vulnerable Citizens are in Crisis! **UPDATE**

Nearly 3,000 people with Developmental Disabilities (DD) living in Oregon communities must have twenty-four hour support.

January 2007 - Status

- Turnover: 7 out of 10 employees stay less than a year.
- Vacancies: over 10% of our jobs go unfilled.
- The health and safety of Oregon's most vulnerable population is threatened.
- If the State were forced to operate these community organizations it would cost nearly double or more than \$200 million in direct labor costs alone.

Progress

- October 2005 Recommendation presented to SPD, DHS and Governor.
- Recommendation presented to over 40 Legislators.
- Testimony to House Ways and Means Subcommittee Emergency Board.
- Testimony to House Committee on DHS Structure.
- DHS POPS Recommends \$24 million to governor for DD Comprehensive Services.
- 9 Concerned legislators met to discuss strategy for funding the Recommendation and finding a long-term solution to the problems.
- Twelve legislators supporting full funding of the Recommendation sent a letter to Governor requesting that he include the \$60 million request in his budget.
- Hundreds of stakeholders asked the Governor to fund the Recommendation.
- Governor's budget provides foundation for legislative action with a \$12 million allocation to be implemented in September of 2008.

Recommendation: *An increase of approximately \$60 million in State General Funds to increase rates for current DD Comprehensive Services is needed for the 2007-09 biennium.*

Further, cost of living increases must be included in every biennial budget. Without such adjustments, community nonprofits will continue to be in crisis.