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Governor Wolf has proposed a \$32.3 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Compared to last year's budget, the proposed 2017-18 plan is a 1.8% increase in spending. Budget items that impact people with intellectual and developmental disabilities fare well in the Governor's proposed budget.

Department of Human Services

\$26.2 million increase for offering new Community Living waiver services for 1,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities from the waiting list and 820 P/FDS waivers for recent high school graduates. This is the most significant waiting list funding in nine years. This includes funding for a new "intermediate" waiver, called the Community Living waiver, which will be at a funding level higher than the P/FDS waiver and lower than the Consolidated waiver.

The increased waiting list funding is part of the overall \$195.9 million increase, or 14.7%, to provide home and community based services to more than 55,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities, including residential, transportation, and habilitation support. This overall increase includes \$54.7 million to provide rate increases from the renewal of the waiver program and \$109.7 million to provide for increases in utilization and costs.

Additionally, the administration is requesting supplemental funding to close the deficit the Office of Developmental Program is facing in this fiscal year.

Community Base funds have an increase of \$784,000. \$230,000 of this is to provide Targeted Services Management State Plan (TSMSP) Services for 455 people with intellectual disabilities on the waiting list.

\$2 million increase for Autism Intervention and Services. \$783,000 of this will provide TSMSP Services to 1,545 individuals with autism currently on the interest list. \$642,000 of this increase will provide waivers to 50 adults with autism.

\$7.3 million increase in Infant/Toddler Early Intervention.

\$4.9 million decrease for State Centers.

\$544,000 to transition 40 individuals currently residing in state intellectual disabilities centers to the community. This is part of the Benjamin Settlement.

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

\$5,000 increase for OVR. OVR provides supported employment services to adults with disabilities.

Department of Education

\$25 million increase to special education.

\$11.7 million increase in funding for Preschool Early Intervention