



Health & Human Services Committee

Monday, December 11, 2023

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Morris Hall (17 HOB)

Meeting Packet

Committee Meeting Notice

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Health & Human Services Committee

Start Date and Time: Monday, December 11, 2023 01:00 pm
End Date and Time: Monday, December 11, 2023 03:00 pm
Location: Morris Hall (17 HOB)
Duration: 2.00 hrs

Briefing by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities on the Home and Community Based Services Waiver Pre-Enrollment List

To submit an electronic appearance form, and for information about attending or testifying at a committee meeting, please see the "Visiting the House" tab at www.myfloridahouse.gov.

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APD

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

House Health and Human Services Committee
December 11, 2023

Ron DeSantis
Governor

Taylor N. Hatch
Director

Agency Mission



To support individuals with unique abilities and their families in living, learning, and working in their communities by creating multiple pathways to possibilities.

Who We Serve

- The most recognized and traditional pathway in which the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) provides services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families is through a Home and Community Based Waiver called the iBudget Florida Waiver.
 - Eligibility Criteria:
 - A person must live in Florida, be at least 3 years old, and have a diagnosed developmental disability 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 November 1, 2023, APD serves over 61,000 individuals with developmental disabilities, of which over 35,000 Floridians are enrolled in the iBudget Florida Waiver program.



Application and Pre-Enrollment Process

1. Applicant contacts APD and submits an application for services.

2. APD communicates with applicant (and associated contacts) to ensure all documentation is identified and submitted.

3. APD reviews information submitted and makes a determination of eligibility based on criteria outlined in F.S. and F.A.C.

4. APD verifies that individuals requesting enrollment onto the iBudget Waiver meet the level of care for services in an Intermediate Care Facility.

5. Individual is provided with information related to eligibility determination including available community resources.

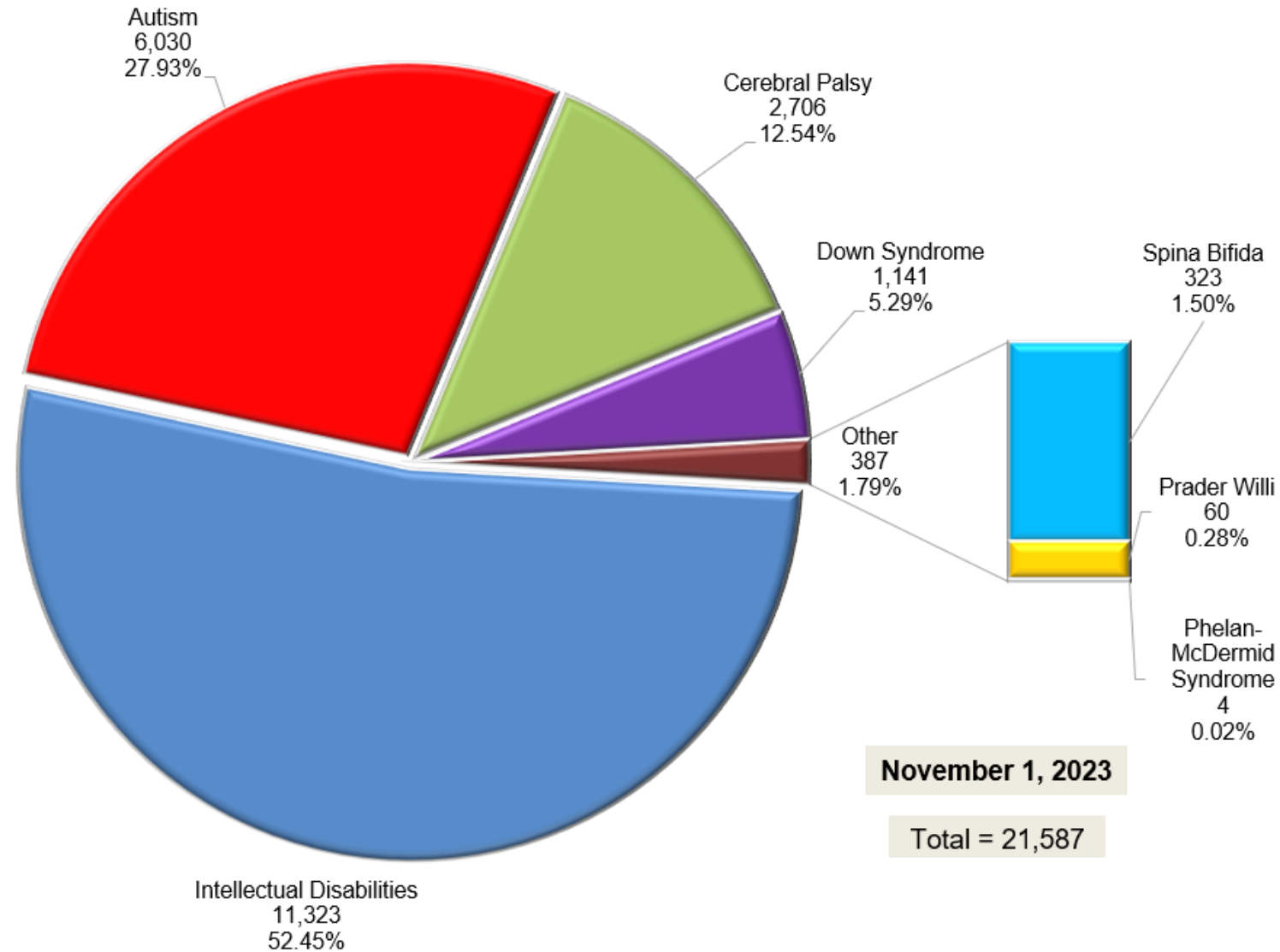
6. If applicant is eligible, applicant is assigned a pre-enrollment prioritization category based on individual criteria.

7. If individual has immediate needs, supplemental funding and community resource referrals can be leveraged.

8. Individuals in pre-enrollment are contacted at specified intervals for updates to current situation and to evaluate needs.

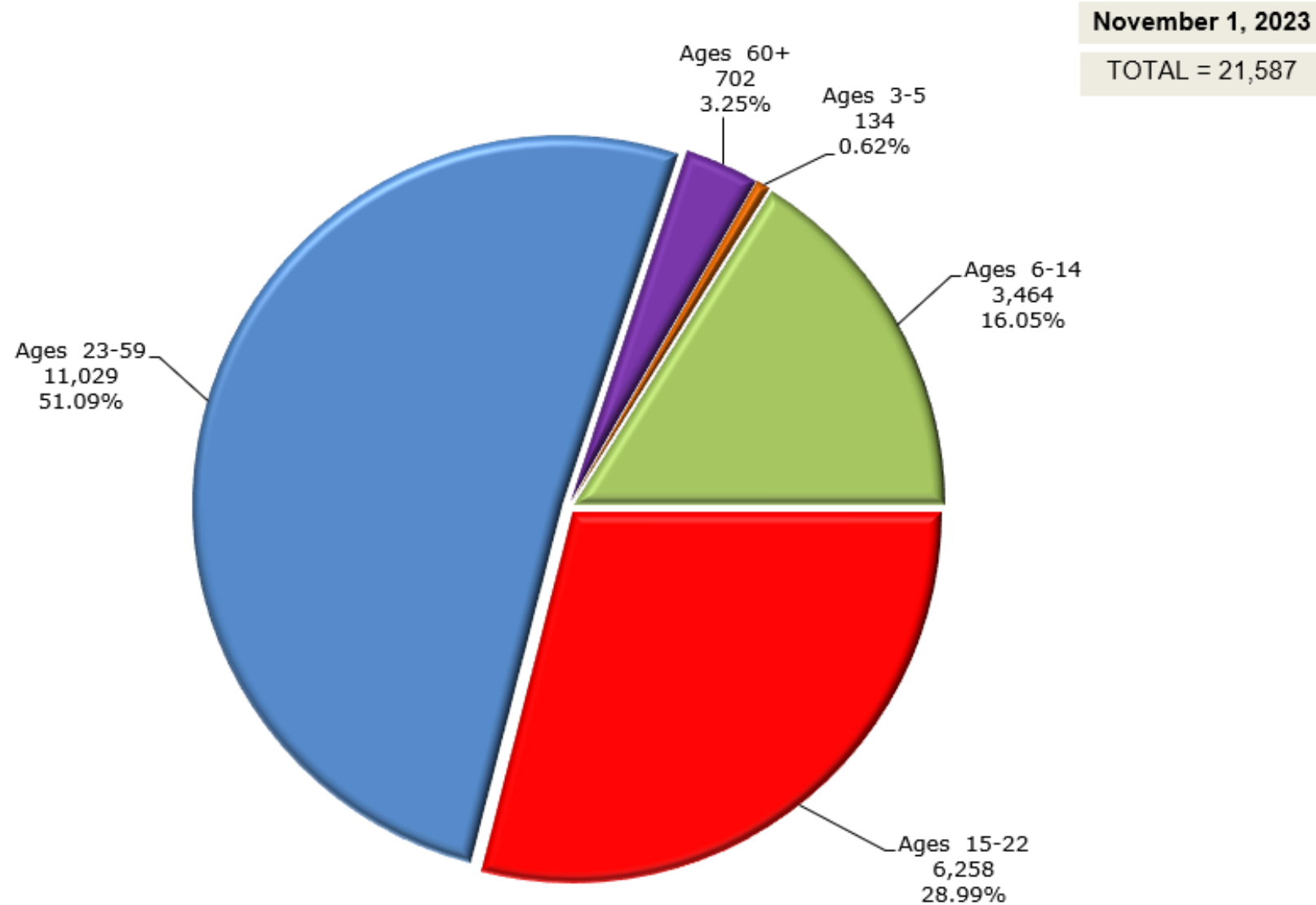
By the Numbers

**Individuals in Pre-Enrollment Categories
by Primary Diagnosis**



By the Numbers

Individuals in Pre-Enrollment Categories by Age



Waiver Enrollment Prioritization

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	20
Category 6: Individuals 21 years of age or older who do not meet other prioritization criteria	12,809
Category 7: Individuals under 21 years of age who do not meet other prioritization criteria	8,464

As of November 1, 2023

Individuals listed in the prioritization categories may also be receiving services through other sources such as:

- Medicaid State Plan for individuals under 21
- School Systems
- Hope Florida: A Pathway to Possibilities
- Intermediate Care Facilities
- Natural supports and families
- Other supplemental funding streams available through APD to meet immediate needs

Pre-enrollment Supports Provided by APD

- Within 60 days of eligibility determination, APD develops an abbreviated support plan which identifies the supports and services needed by the individual. APD sends an annual letter to share resources, verify the client's current contact information, and provide an opportunity for individuals and families to identify life changes that may require additional supports.
- As outlined in the *Florida Administrative Code*, Individual and Family Supports (IFS) is temporary assistance the Agency provides to meet critical service needs of a client.
 - Types of services allowable under IFS include, but are not limited to:
 - Adult day training
 - Employment and pre-vocational services
 - Respite services
 - Supplies and durable medical equipment
 - Specialized therapies
 - Supporting living services
 - Transportation
- The APD team is conducting proactive outreach to APD eligible individuals, starting with those in pre-enrollment category 6, to determine if there is an interest in participating in Hope Florida – A Pathway to Possibilities; which assists interested individuals in identifying goals to overcome barriers necessary to achieve them.
 - Top identified needs are employment, skills for more independence, and community integration.

Thank You

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