

**Ohio's Waiting List:**  
**A strategy for revision and improved management**  
**Plan of Action Summary**

- 1) Eliminate the Long-Term Registry and Service Substitution Lists and provide direction to the field on implementation at the local level
- 2) Current process of waiver allocation first, service needs second should change to new paradigm: service needs first, delivery options second
- 3) Make statutory and rule changes to allow for the administration of one waiting list for individuals in the MRDD system whose needs cannot be immediately met; the list will be based on services needs. The waiting list will be independent of waiver type, or ICFMR level of care, but based on what individuals need
- 4) Modify the current IIF system to include questions that allow for the discernment of service needs in a more concrete manner

The service needs questionnaire portion of the IIF *could* include questions pertaining to needs in the following areas:

Respite services

In-home assistance (*after school services*)

Out of home placements (*foster care, group living arrangement options*)

Vocational/habilitation options (*community/supported employment, adult services*)

Transportation services

Adapted equipment needs

Services targeting special populations (*e.g., autism, dual-diagnosis*)

Medicaid card services (*medical, other State Plan services*)

Self-directed services

Priority category placement (*aging caregivers, intensive needs, etc*)

Estimated expectation of services needs in excess of \$100,000 annually

Other services needs not traditionally covered through Medicaid (*Family Resources, etc*)

- 5) People should continue to hold their (original request) one date for services beyond their initial receipt of any service
- 6) Further define and refine the definition of priority categories and their role in service delivery
- 7) Identify alternatives to the current process of waiting list management including the potential of a regionalized methodology through the revised IIF system