

## MRDD Futures Recommendation: # 31

The waiting list statute needs to be overhauled to accommodate the needs of individuals and families in context of the realities of Ohio's unique funding streams and local services. New waiting list guidelines should include:

- Clarification of the assessment requirement at the time of placement on a waiting list.
- A statewide overview, with clarification, of the current waiting list priority categories.

In addition, ODMRDD and stakeholders should:

- Research into the continued need for each Non-Medicaid home and community based service (Early Childhood Services, Educational programs for preschool and school age children, Adult services, Service and support administration, Residential Services and Supported Living, Transportation Services and Family Support Services.)
- Further investigation of continued need for Long Term Planning Registry and Service Substitution Lists.
- Further investigation of the continuation of County Waiting Lists for home and community based waiver services for individuals in need of supports up to \$100,000 per year.
- Further investigation of an ODMRDD maintained waiting list for home and community based waiver services and fund the match for individuals in need of services over \$100,000 per year.
- ODMRDD should lead an effort to draft revised statutory and administrative rule language for waiting lists. This effort should include at least two Future's Access sub-committee members. Work efforts should entail actual work and not function as an advisory group in devising the necessary changes.

*Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 5126.042: Defines the waiting list requirements for waiver services as well as providing a list of definitions for priority categories and emergencies.*

*ORC 5111.871: Defines the process needed if an individual is given a reduction, termination, denial, or approval of Medicaid services.*

*ORC 5126.044: Defines how counties administer all service waiting lists.*

*ORC 5126.054: Defines how counties board plan for delivery of services into the future.*

*ORC 5126.055: Defines the obligations of the county boards in administering services under the Medicaid program as the Medicaid Local Administrative Authority (MLAA).*

*ORC 5126.11: Defines how the current family supports services are administered.*