

Columbus HOPE Foundation Inc  
"Helping Other People Everyday"



Can a Community  
make a difference?

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# Our Mission



“...bettering the environment for, and increasing the self-reliance and dignity of people with Intellectual Disabilities and special needs... these individuals should have the community support, tools and resources necessary to lead independent productive lives...”

# 50+ years ago...

- Very little support for the family
- Only other option was a mental institution ranging from asylums to hospitals.



# Present Day...

- Home and Community based services
- Client driven support



## Values

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- Dignity and respect for each person
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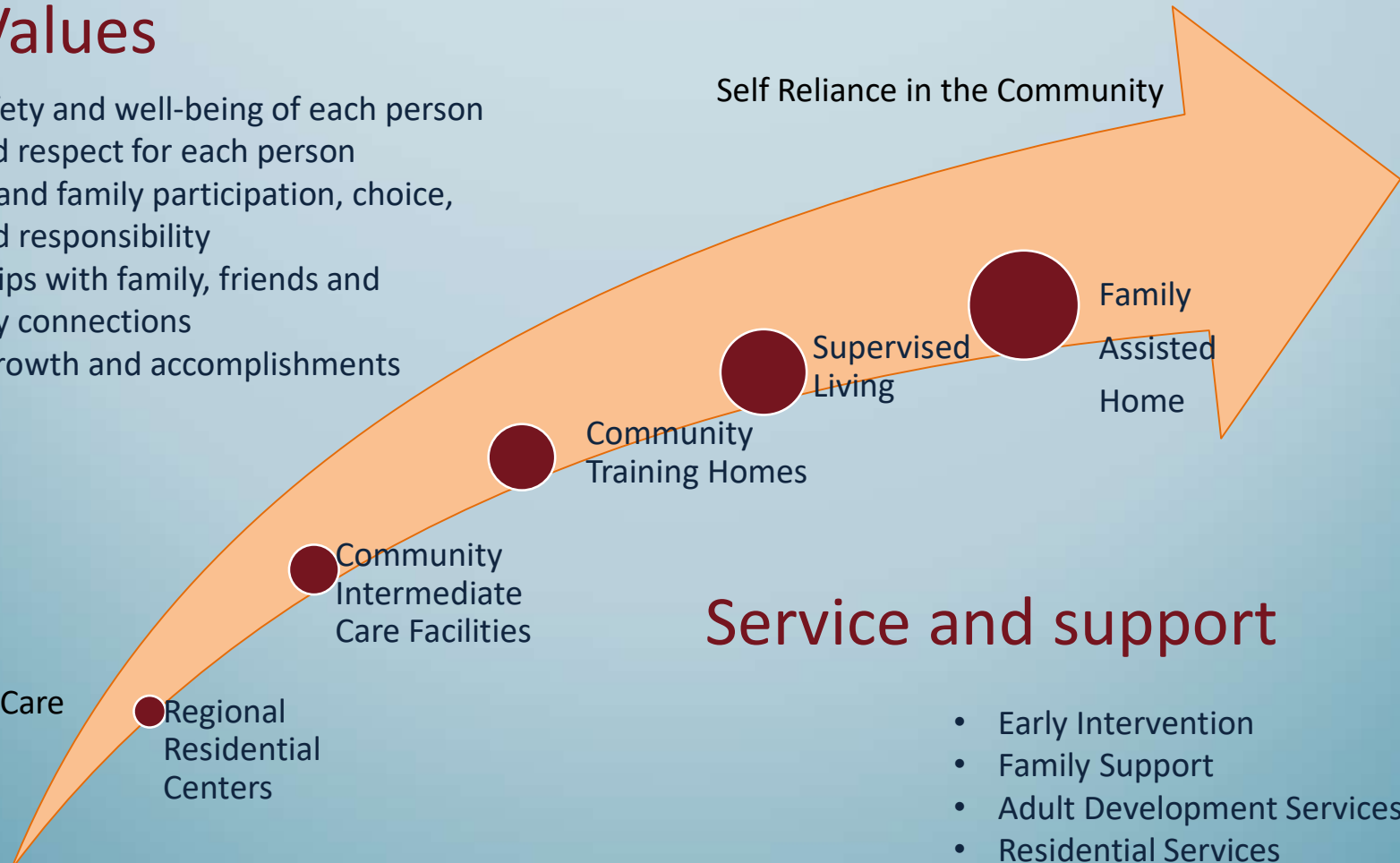
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Self Reliance in the Community



Family Assisted Home

Supervised Living

Community Training Homes

Community Intermediate Care Facilities

Regional Residential Centers

24 Hour Care Center

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# DDSN Mission Overview

**Who is eligible for services?** DDSN currently has 37,389 individuals with intellectual disabilities, autism, head & spinal cord injuries, and related disabilities eligible for services.

**What services are provided?** DDSN's FY22 legislative appropriations of \$828 million serves 21,529 individuals through a variety of resource mechanisms:

- Medicaid At-Home Waivers (8,547);
- Medicaid Residential Waivers (3,887);
- Medicaid Community Intermediate Care Facilities (463);
- Medicaid Regional Center Intermediate Care Facilities (601);
- State funded equivalent Waiver services (222);
- Early Intervention (3,772); and
- State Funded Family Support (4,037).

**How do we spend our funds?** DDSN's annual expenditures are used for the following:

- Contracted services (DSN Board, Private Provider) (85.1%),
- DDSN operated Regional Center Intermediate Care Facilities (12.0%),
- DDSN operated Autism residential homes (0.2%), and
- DDSN overhead (2.7%).

# The Need Is Greater Than Resources Available

- The waiver waiting lists are at an all-time high containing 14,456 individuals.
  - Each waiver is at, or near, an all-time high in wait times: IDRDR (5.4 years); Community Supports (3.6 years); and HASCI (0.4 years).
- On 7/1/21, DDSN re-engineered its waiver waiting list to more efficiently implement new legislative appropriated waiver slots.
- DDSN requested \$6.36 million (\$1.9 million state funds) to fund 300 IDRDR Waiver slots (\$14,000/waiver slot) and 60 HASCI Waiver slots (\$36,000/waiver slot). (Recurring)



***Where Budgets and Plans End***

***Immediate Needs***

***Critical Needs***

***Our Support Begins***

***Supplemental Needs***



# What We Do

We Raise  
Funds



We Serve



We Advocate



Since its inception in 1976 the Columbus HOPE Foundation raised more than “7 Million Dollars” to assist South Carolina citizens with Intellectual Disabilities and Special Needs.

# Delivering Results

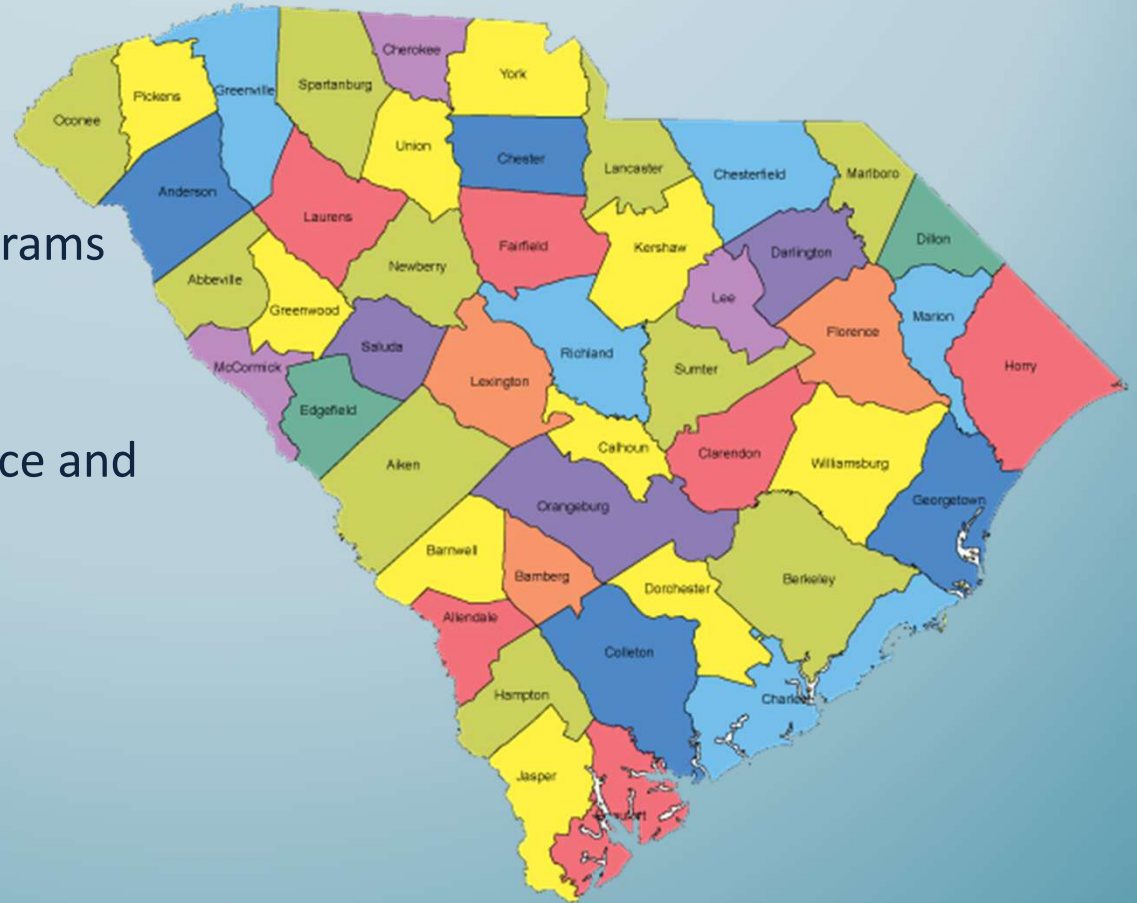


“...Through our support of non-profit service organizations that share this philosophy and in partnership with the county disability boards we are making the world easier to navigate for thousands of people every day...”



# Columbus HOPE Funds

- 98% to service and support programs
- 85% allocated locally to the fundraising
- 15% allocated to statewide service and support programs



# Adult Development Software, Tools and Equipment



# Self Contained Class Room



# Special Olympics



# Dignity, Connection, Growth, Happiness



# Self-Reliance, Independence, Accessibility





## **Call to Action-**

- *Donate, Sponsor, and Participate in fund raising...*
- *Advocate, let your voices be heard for those that can't...*
- *Volunteer to serve...*

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