

Community Concerns about Proposed Budget Reductions Impacting Developmental Disability Waivers - Participant Survey Results - Spring 2021

Key Concerns from Families and Direct Service Professionals



Loss of funding
& services

Reduced quality
of life

Loss of
community
support/access



Loss of Direct Service
Professional Jobs

Threats to Safety

Longer wait list times,
slower channels of
communication



Impact on Direct Services Professionals



How might these budget reductions impact your business and the families that you work with?

- Loss of funding for services
- Impact to our businesses
- Safety of people we serve
- Responsibility of care transferred to family

Impact on Families

How might these budget reductions impact your family?

- Reduction in quality of life
- Personal costs (medical, income, employment)
- Safety
- Loss of housing and/or insurance
- Responsibility of care transferred to family



Wyoming Family Voices



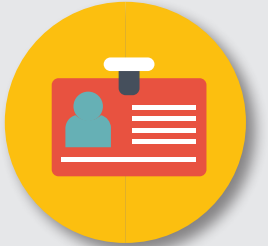
"His service provider will not be able to program for him, and my son will not be able to buy services with such a drastic cut."

*"There will not be enough money in his budget to live here. **I would be forced to put my brother in a nursing home, or group home.**"*

"He would have to quit his 15 hour a week job as employment support staff funds would now be needed for day services as well."

*"He would have to have less staff support during his unpredictable seizure activity **putting his life in danger.**"*

Direct Service Professional Voices



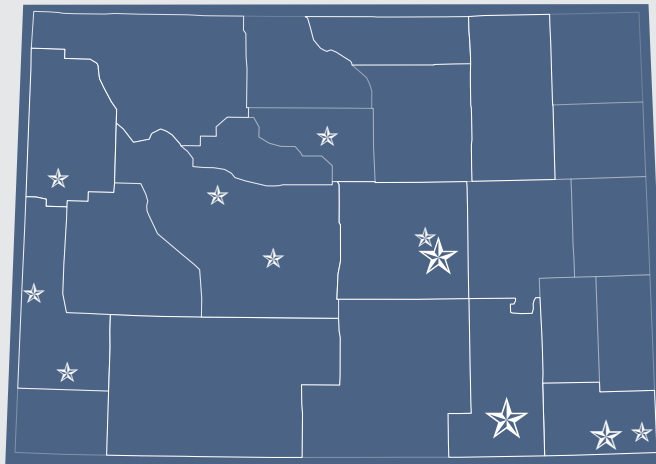
"The person I serve will lose crucial funding for the support she needs to be productive, functional, and happy."

"The majority of individuals who receive services will have their health and safety put at risk."

"It will be difficult to maintain staff in our agency."

"It will put my small Provider company out of business. I have worked my whole life to own my own business."

Survey Respondents by Community



1- 5 responses:

Afton, Bar Nunn, Hillsdale,
Kemmerer, Pavillion,
Riverton, Jackson, Worland

6 - 10 responses:

Cheyenne, Casper

10+ responses:

Laramie

Additional Questions



- How is this being justified?
- How are Individual Budget Amounts (IBA) calculated?
- How are Level of Service (LOS) scores calculated?
- How does this impact the wait list?
- How will institutional housing work?
- How can we encourage public outreach?
- What is the time frame for these cuts?
- How do we discuss these cuts with our children/clients?