



agency for persons with disabilities
State of Florida

APD – an Agency Overview

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The Goals and Priorities of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities



Thriving Providers and Businesses: Redesign the service delivery system for people with DD and providers to be healthy and thrive



Who Do We Serve?

To be eligible for Agency services, a person must have one or more of the following diagnoses:

- ❖ Autism
- ❖ Cerebral Palsy
- ❖ Down Syndrome
- ❖ Intellectual Disability
- ❖ Prader-Willi Syndrome
- ❖ Spina Bifida

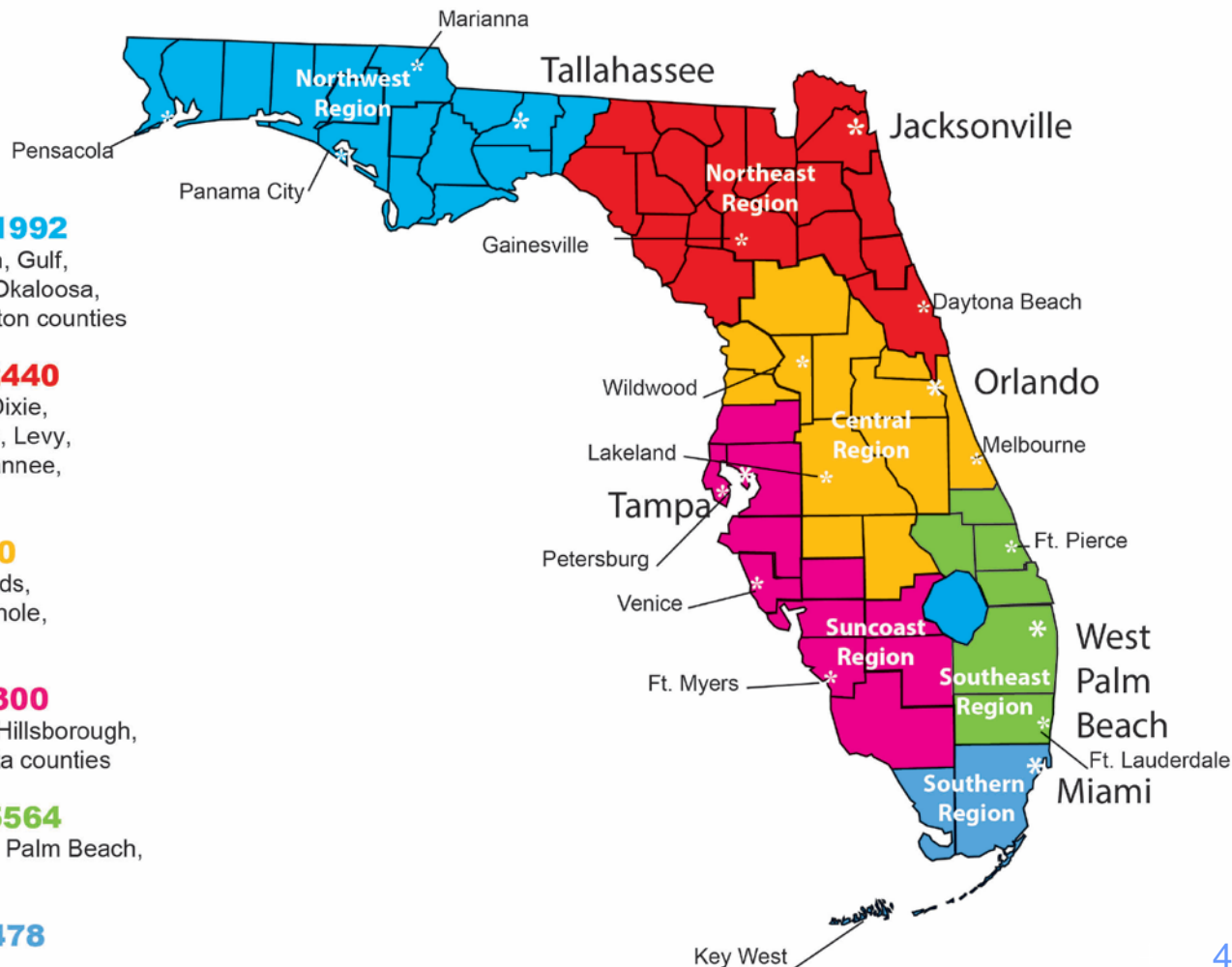




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APD Regional Map



Northwest Region (850) 487-1992

Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington counties

Northeast Region (904) 992-2440

Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, and Volusia counties

Central Region (407) 245-0440

Brevard, Citrus, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, and Sumter counties

Suncoast Region (813) 233-4300

Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, and Sarasota counties

Southeast Region (561) 837-5564

Broward, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie counties

Southern Region (305) 349-1478

Dade and Monroe counties



APD Accomplishments

- **\$36 million** used to offer waiver enrollment to **1,669** individuals on the waiting list in Category's 2, 3, and 4
- **27 percent** of people with DD who desire work are competitively employed
- **\$500,000** used for Employment Enhancement Project with **140** people on waiting list employed or in internships
- **\$1.4 million** for Bayside Improvements for Rish Park
- **7,239** resources on online APD Resource Directory
- **18 Town Hall meetings** around the state



From Town Hall Feedback, APD has:

- Improved the Crisis Process/Supplemental Funding
- Legislature approved portability of waiver services for military families
- Grandparents can be appointed to Family Care Councils
- APD will hire an actuary to look at rate adjustment to comply with DOL in the coming fiscal year
- Developed workgroups to look at housing options for:
 - Individuals with a dual diagnosis and/or intensive behaviors
 - Aging caregivers and aging clients or clients with Alzheimer's
 - APD's Forensic population
 - Transportation
 - Employment/Transition from School to Work



It's Your Money

Tax Cut Budget includes:

- **\$20 million** to move about 1200 customers from waiting list to the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid waiver
- **\$1.29 million** to increase Adult Day Training rates for the HCBS waiver
- **\$500,000** for Continuation of Employment Enhancement Project
- **\$1 million** for William J. (Billy Joe) Rish Recreational Park for renovations and restoration



What's on the Horizon

- Long Range Planning for Waiting List
- Central Client Database
- CMS Transition Planning
- Continuation of the Employment Enhancement Plan
- Explore housing/day program options for individuals with ID/DD and Alzheimer's
- Developing step down facilities for forensic population
- Credentialing for Provider Employees



Thank you

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