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New DDD Assessment Will Collect Family Income Information in Some Cases

For the 2007-09 biennium budget, the Washington State Legislature appropriated additional funds to support people with developmental disabilities. Some conditions and limitations applied to the funding. The budget directed that the Division of Developmental Disabilities shall collect data on family income for minor children with developmental disabilities and all individuals with developmental disabilities who receive state-only funded services. DDD is now required to ask for this information as part of the new DDD Assessment process beginning June 1, 2007.

Those people being asked for the information should know that family income is defined as the total unadjusted, annual household income from all sources for the last calendar year as reported to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Family members can locate this information from 2006 income tax return documents completed in April of this year.

DDD will accept the verbal report of families required to provide income information and will not require supporting documentation of annual gross income and number of household dependents.

Families may decline to provide DDD with income information. A client's access to DDD paid services is not affected when families decline to provide family income information. However, providing the information will give members of the Legislature better data to understand the needs of families with children with developmental disabilities.

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