

Waitlist Elimination Initiative

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CLTS Waitlist Elimination Initiative Makes Remarkable Progress in Just Three Years

Together, state and local governments have made remarkable progress over the past three years toward the goal of eliminating the waitlist for CLTS Waiver Program access. This has given more children with disabilities and their families the opportunity to live their best lives. The CLTS Waiver is a Medicaid program that provides care services and supports to children under age 22 with long-term disabilities or complex medical needs so they can remain living in their home or community.

Number of Children Waiting Decreased



Today there are just over 1,000 children waiting for help from the CLTS Waiver Program supports and services.

Over 6,000 New Children Served



Families who may have been reluctant or discouraged by the waitlist times are now reaching out for services.

= 1,000 children

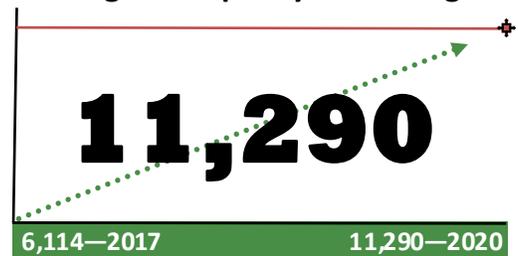
Program Wait Time Shortens

876 Days—2017

138 Days—2020

The statewide average children spent waiting to enroll for services went from 876 to 138 days.

Program Capacity Increasing



The number of children the program serves at any point in time increased from approximately 6,000 in 2017 to over 11,200 in 2020. Current funding can serve 11,878.

Data as of September 30

Wisconsin is Now Within Reach of the Finish Line!

INCREASED CAPACITY

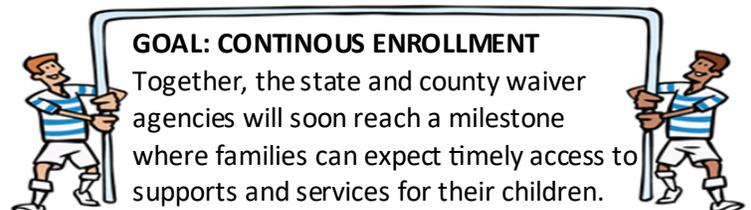
The initiative began in 2017 when the 2017-2019 state budget reduced gaps between available funds and demand for services. County waiver agencies were able to hire more staff and streamline procedures to move children through the enrollment process faster than ever before.

QUICKER ACCESS

The stress, challenges, and significant barriers families of children with special needs face has been lessened with quicker access to the program's supports and services.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Governor Evers' 2019-2021 biennial budget adds more funding. Wisconsin is now within reach of the initiative's goal.



GOAL: CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT

Together, the state and county waiver agencies will soon reach a milestone where families can expect timely access to supports and services for their children.