# HCBS-DD Waiting List

#### Past, Present & Future

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#### Our Mission

Improving health care access and outcomes for the people we serve while demonstrating sound stewardship of financial resources

## Past

## Colorado Waiting List History

- Litigation
- Committees and work groups
- Legislation
- Cash Fund

#### Historical Waiting List Enrollment

Medicaid HCBS Waiver Waiting List Enrollment, 40 states, 2002-2017



NOTES: Percent change is calculated using unrounded totals. \*Beginning in 2016, totals include Section 1916 (c) and Section 1115 HCBS waiver waiting lists except that CA and NY did not report enrollment for Section 1115 waiting lists; prior years include only Section 1915 (c) waiver waiting lists.

SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation Medicaid FY 2002-2017 HCBS program surveys.





#### Accomplishments

- Accurate data reporting and input
- Budget alignment
- Waiver amendments
- Technical assistance

#### Present

#### Waiting List Basics

#### Order of Selection Date

- Used to determine where individuals fall in order on the waiting list
  - Date an individual is determined to have a disability by the CCB
  - ➤OR an individual's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday if the person is determined to have a disability prior to the 14<sup>th</sup> birthday

#### **Timeline**

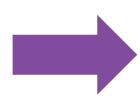
- Individuals can also have multiple timelines associated with their record
  - As Soon As Available (ASAA):
    Looking for services right
    away, currently 2,863
- ➤ Safety Net: Eligible individuals who could potentially access services in the future but do not need them right away, currently ~4,000
- See Date: Individuals who are going to be eligible due to aging out of CES in the coming fiscal year

#### **Exceptions (Reserved Capacity)**

- An individual does not have to wait for their order of selection date if they meet certain criteria
  - ➤ Youth Transitions: Children aging out of children services and foster care children
  - ➤ Deinstitutionalizations: Individuals residing in a skilled nursing facility or ICF
  - Emergency: Situations where the health and safety of an individual is in danger without enrollment into the waiver (includes homelessness)
- ➤ Caregiver Capacity: the primary caregiver is experiencing a chronic, long-term, or life-threatening physical or psychiatric condition that significantly limits the ability to provide care (NEW)

## Total HCBS-DD Waiting List

As Soon As Available



41%

2,863

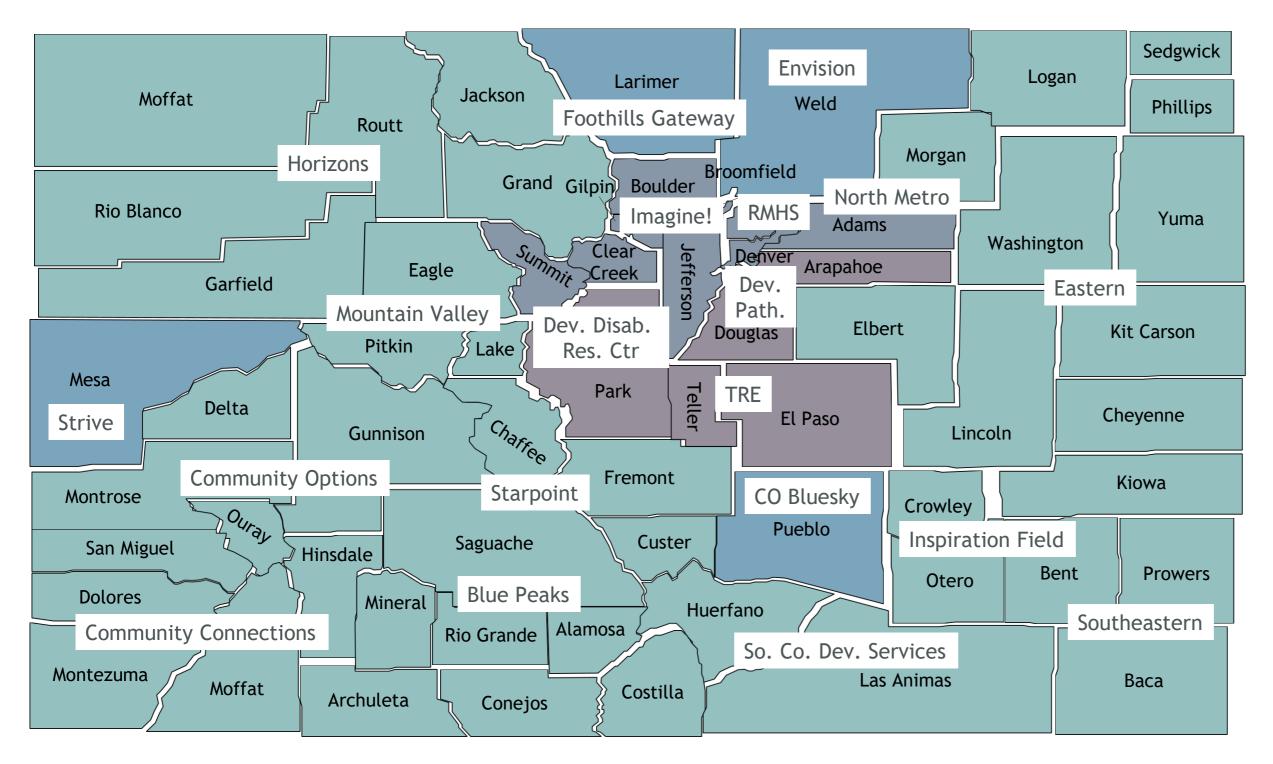
Safety Net





Total HCBS-DD
Waiting List
= 6,940

## Map of Waiting List by Region



Percentage of HCBS-DD Waiver Waiting List, by CCB Region









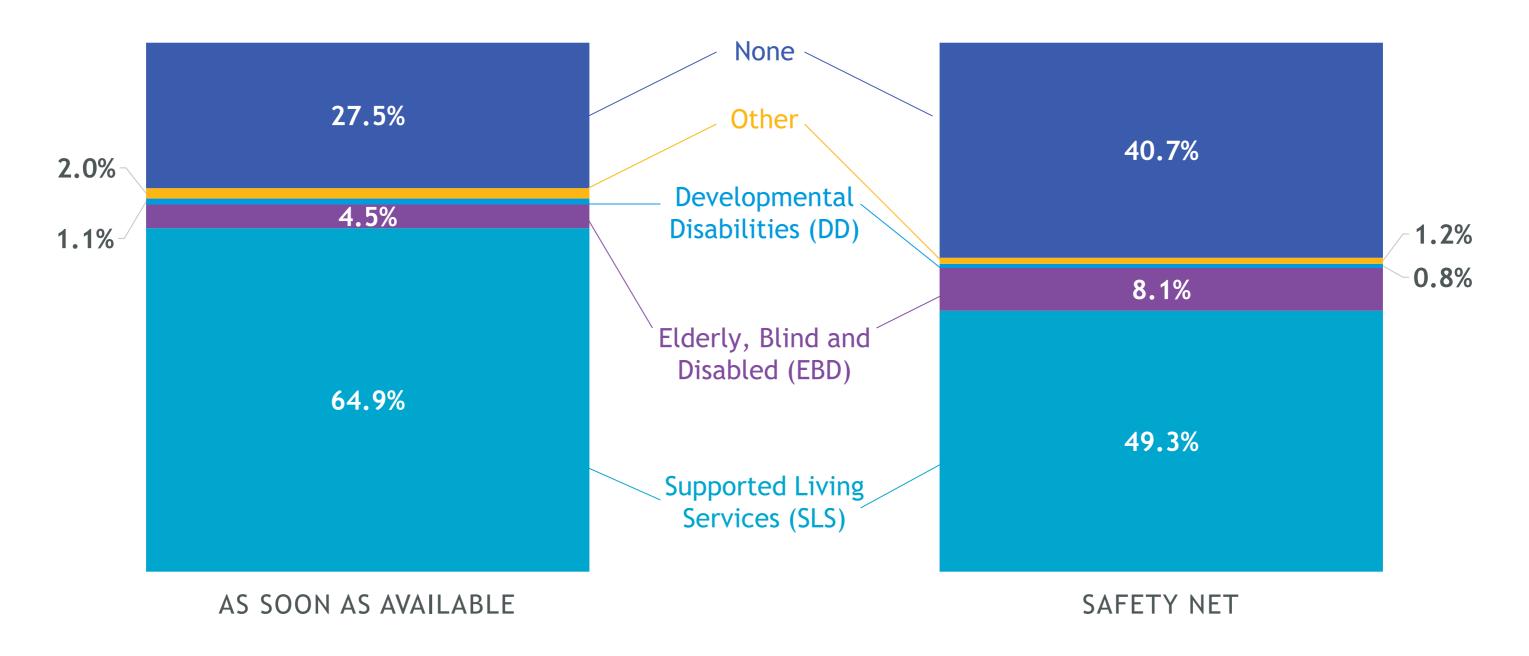
## Receiving Other Services

Percentage of Individuals on the HCBS-DD Waiting List Receiving Other Services

	Some Services	Waiver Services	Dental Services	Inpatient or Long-Term Care Services	Outpatient Services	Pharmacy Services	Professional Services
HCBS-DD ASAA	83%	72%	25%	3%	48%	42%	61%
Safety Net	75%	59%	23%	3%	40%	31%	54%

## Receiving Waiver Services

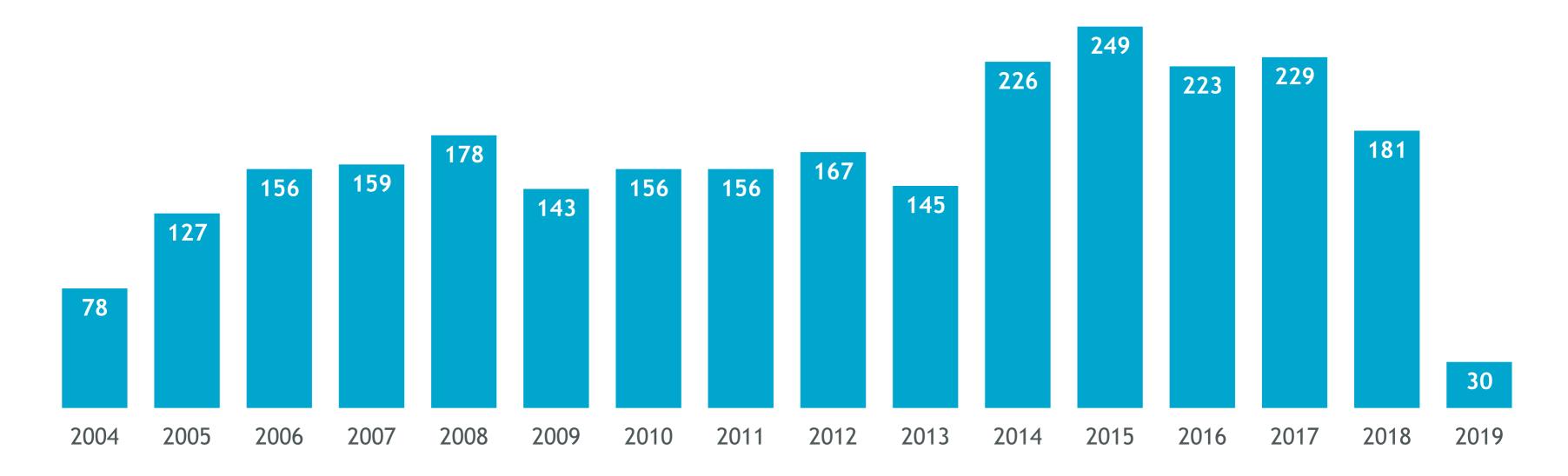
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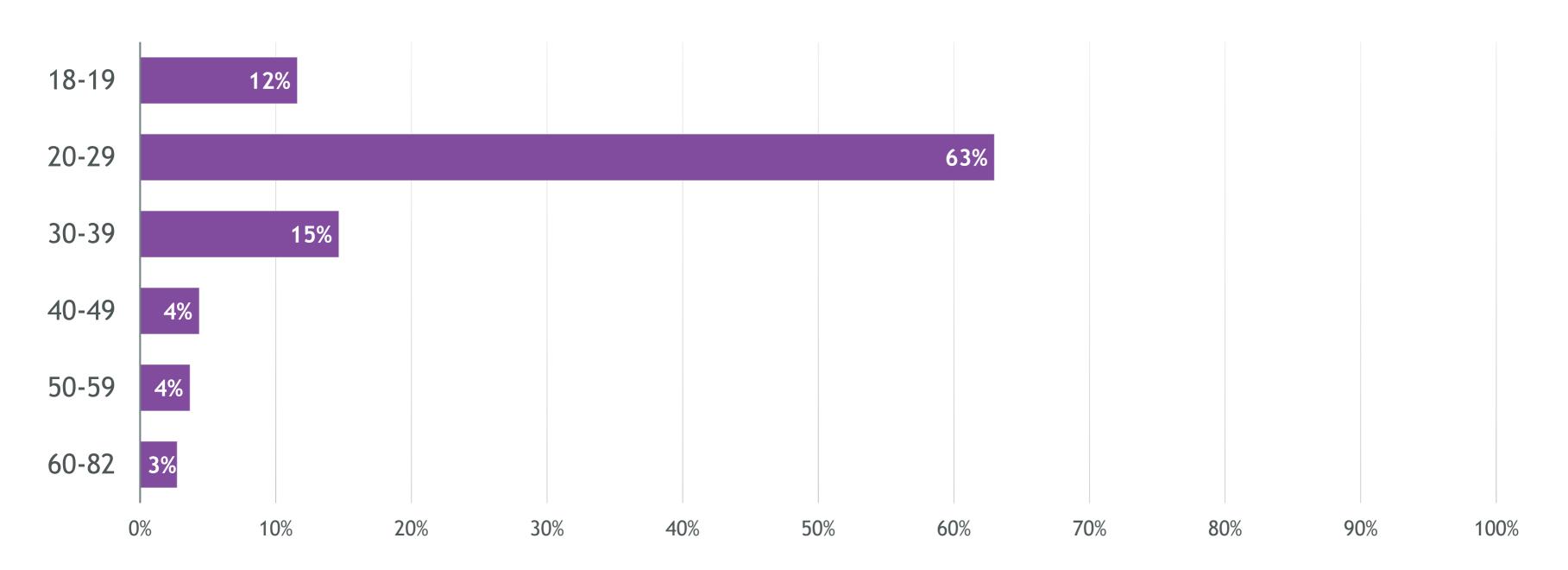
#### Order of Selection Dates

Number of Individuals on the HCBS-DD "As Soon As Available" Waiting List Order of Selection Date by Year



# Ages

Percentage of Individuals on the HCBS-DD "As Soon As Available" Waiting List by Age



## Why Decline Enrollment?

22% of 221 enrollments offered May 2018-May 2019 declined enrollment



49% of declines did not provide a reason



Of the 51% that provided a reason for declining, 60% indicated they were not ready for a placement

"Needs better met with SLS waiver"

"Parents are very happy and satisfied with current services and they have a very good relationship with providers"

"Parents do not feel ready to change waivers at this time"

"Does not need level of care at this time"

"Receiving EBD/CDASS, which is meeting current need"

#### Future

#### What Can We Do Going Forward?

- Continue work mandated by HB14-1051 to assure timely access to services and supports
- Continue innovative initiatives to provide access and support to individuals with IDD
- Ensure individuals needs are appropriately documented and only those who really need services are on the waiting list
- Ensure the Department systems are updated with accurate information

#### HB14-1051

- Charged to "develop, in consultation with IDD system stakeholders, a comprehensive strategic plan...to enroll eligible persons...with IDD into HCBS programs...at the time those persons choose to enroll...or need the services or supports."
- Report includes:
  - > Information on the progress towards the reduction of the waiting list
  - Data about waiting list and enrollments
- Recent reports can be found at: <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/IDD-Services-enrollments-waitlists">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/IDD-Services-enrollments-waitlists</a>



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## Thank You!