

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS
BUDGET REQUEST CONSIDERATIONS FOR FY 2012 – 2013**

<u>Program Needs</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>DDSN Request State Funds</u>
1. Annualization of Recurring Services Funded By Proviso 24.15 – FMAP Extension Carry Forward	<p>A. This request is to annualize \$5,385,491 in nonrecurring funding provided to DDSN in the FY 2011-2012 Appropriations Act for ongoing services to individual consumers and families. This amount is needed to maintain current service levels for approximately 1,150 consumers receiving services this year. These services prevent unnecessary and expensive out-of-home placements by providing adult development and supported employment services. This funding is necessary to continue these services on a recurring basis.</p> <p>B. This request is to annualize \$500,000 in nonrecurring funding provided to DDSN in the FY 2011-2012 Appropriations Act for specialized post-acute rehabilitation for approximately 8-10 individuals who sustain a traumatic brain injury or spinal cord injury.</p>	\$5,885,491
2. Community Supports in the Individual's and Family's Home	This request is to prevent unnecessary and expensive out-of-home placements by serving 1,010 individuals with severe disabilities with the supports necessary to maintain them in their homes. As of June 30, 2011, there were 2,566 consumers on the waiting list for the Intellectual Disability/Related Disabilities Waiver and 445 awaiting the Head & Spinal Cord Injury Waiver. There were also 1,264 individuals awaiting a day support service.	\$2,354,800
3. Traumatic Brain or Spinal Cord Injury Post-acute Rehabilitation	South Carolina needs to fully fund over time the remaining cost of post-acute rehabilitation that enables people with traumatic brain or spinal cord injuries to obtain an appropriate level of specialized rehabilitation after the injury and acute hospital stay. Currently in the state, there is a serious gap in access to post-acute rehabilitation that is specialized for traumatic brain or spinal cord injuries. The estimates based on hospital discharges are that 2,254 individuals with traumatic brain or spinal cord injuries this year will be in need of specialized post-acute inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation. The total cost of care would be \$68 million; however, \$56.5 million of this expense could be covered by private insurance, Medicare and other government reimbursements. This fiscal year, DDSN will have \$1,584,000 in recurring funding for this program. The State funding needed for the balance to cover the uninsured/underinsured and Medicaid State matching funds would be \$9,920,000. Due to the amount of funding needed, DDSN is only requesting \$2,500,000 in additional funding at this time. This amount would serve 40 individuals.	\$2,500,000
4. Maintenance of Effort to Cover Consumers' Cost of Care	This request represents the need to provide sufficient funding as a maintenance of effort to the providers of services so that the actual cost of care can be covered. If the state's reimbursement rates do not cover the actual cost of care, eventually the local entities will have to reduce the scope and quality of care below acceptable standards, eliminate the services for which there is insufficient funding, or stop providing services. In the last four years the costs have risen with increasing cost of gasoline, oil, electricity, food, medical professionals, and other goods and services. All providers are now at the point that reimbursements must be increased to cover the additional operating costs which have risen significantly.	\$2,190,500
Total		\$12,930,791