

Partners, Advocates, Stakeholders and Interested Parties:

Attached is a document that has frequently been requested since the Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB) was released. The document contains counts of individuals receiving SPD services as of 9/30/08, above and below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. It also includes the Service Priority Level and living setting detail. There is a statewide chart and a county by county break out of the data. We have also added information on age and gender by county, above and below 150 percent Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Since this is simply a one time snapshot of these populations at the Statewide and County levels, it should not be compared with other data that the Department may release on the proposed Governor's Recommended Budget proposal regarding the State Plan "I" option. The GRB proposal is based on the forecasted population for next biennium and may differ from these numbers. As you know, we are still very early in the process, and no decisions have been reached on this or any of the GRB proposals. Also, please note that the State Plan "I" GRB proposal includes researching the feasibility of grandfathering some or all of the clients above 150 percent FPL receiving services.

Please feel free to contact Cathy Cooper or Mike McCormick if you have questions regarding the data presented.

Sincerely,

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