

# **Medicaid Waiver Programs are the best long-term help for children and adults with disabilities in Texas! Call NOW to get on the years-long waiting lists!!**

## **Medicaid Waiver Programs – General information**

- Medicaid Waiver Programs have 8-10 year waiting lists!
- Eligibility based on child's income (not the parents)
- Purpose: to keep a person with disabilities living in the community instead of a nursing home or institution.
- Services may include nursing care, attendant care, respite, therapies, adaptive aids, medical equipment, home modifications, service coordination, pre-vocational services, community living supports, supported employment, assistive technology and more.
- Family **MUST** keep their contact information current; call waiting list numbers
- More information: [http://www.dads.state.tx.us/news\\_info/faqs\\_fact/index.html](http://www.dads.state.tx.us/news_info/faqs_fact/index.html)

## **CLASS (Community Living Assistance Support Services)**

- Serves individuals with physical disabilities and related conditions occurring before the age of 21. Individuals with mental retardation may be eligible but not when the primary diagnosis is MR
- (877) 438-5658 for information and to get on the waiting list

## **MDCP (Medically Dependent Children's Program)**

- Serves children and youth under 21 who have significant medical disabilities
- (877) 438-5658 for information and to get on the waiting list

## **HCS (Home and Community-based Services)**

- Serves children and adults who have mental retardation and certain related conditions (includes Autism); must meet functional requirements for MHMR group homes
- For Austin/Travis Co, (512) 483-5800; for other counties, call (512) 794-9268 to find the nearest MHMR center

## **CBA (Community Based Alternatives)**

- Serves individuals over the age of 21 with physical disabilities, must meet medical necessity for nursing home care
- For information and to get on the waiting list call (512) 438-4882.

## **DB/MD (Deaf-Blind Multiple Disabilities Program)**

- Serves individuals who are deaf and blind and have additional disabilities, over the age of 18 years; Must meet functional eligibility requirements for MR group homes
- For information and to get on the waiting list call (877) 438-5658.

## **TxHmL (Texas Home Living)**

- Serves children and adults with mental retardation; must meet functional eligibility requirements for MR group homes
- For Austin/Travis Co, (512) 483-5800