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IDHD is conducting an evaluation of the *Ligas* Consent Decree. This evaluation is funded by the Illinois Department of Public Health and focuses on the experiences of families on and recently off the waiting list for services. This brief contains data from the 554 surveys completed by caregivers.

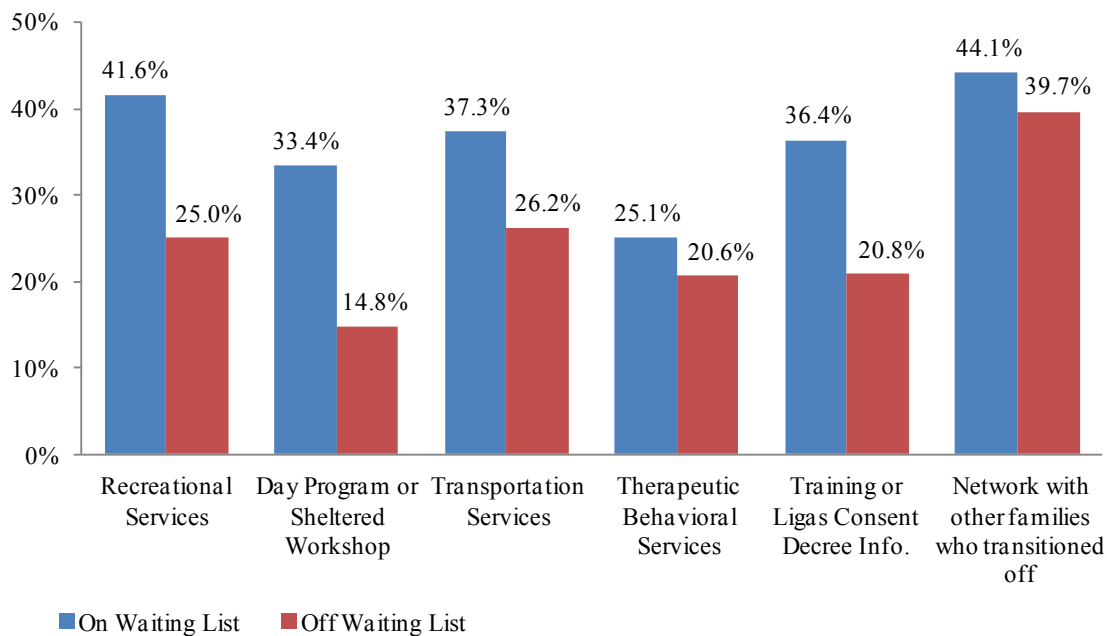
On average, caregivers were 55 years old, ranging from 20-89 years old. Most of the caregivers were women (84.1%), employed (60.2%), and married (64.4%). The reported annual income for each household varied: below \$15,000 (16%), \$15,000 - \$25,000 (14%) \$25,000 - \$50,000 (22%), \$51,000 - \$75,000 (17%), and over \$75,000 (31%).

Persons with disability were on average 27 years of age (range: 18-71) and 56.9% male. The racial background of persons with disabilities is as follows: White (73%), African American (15%), other (7%), Hispanic or Latino (4%), and Asian American (1%).

Unmet Service Needs

When comparing the unmet service needs reported by families on and off the waiting list, families on the waiting list reported more unmet needs than their counterparts. The bar chart below shows the significant differences with respect to unmet service needs¹.

Figure 1: Unmet Service Needs of People On and Off the Waiting List



¹ No significant difference were found among the following services: community employment, educational, routine medical care, routine dental care, physical, occupational, or speech therapy, assistive technology and/or accessible home modifications, legal services, advocacy services, respite services, training/information about the *Ligas* Consent decree, networking with other families who transitioned off the waiting list, and training about person-centered planning.

Unmet Service Needs of People Off of the Waiting List

Of the 131 persons with disability (PWD) off of the waiting list, PWD with more versus less maladaptive behaviors experienced greater unmet service needs, see Figure 2. Furthermore, minority (vs. white) persons with disability experienced significantly more unmet service needs. See Figure 3 for the prevalence.

Figure 2: Unmet Service Needs by Maladaptive Behavior Categories

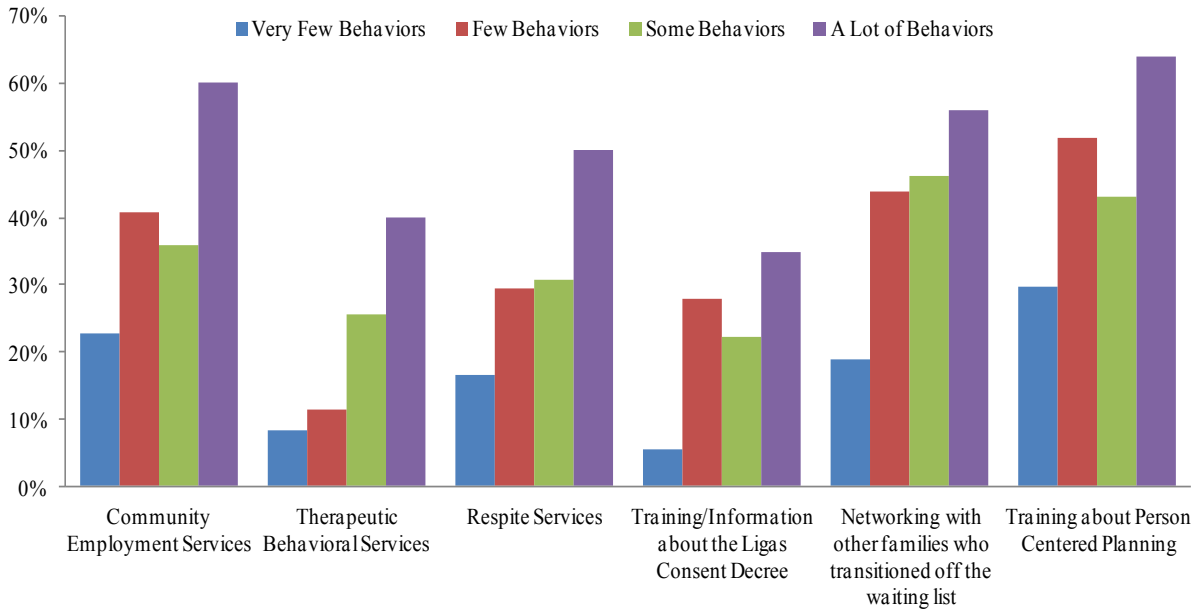


Figure 3: Unmet Service Needs by Race/Ethnicity

