

# Developmental Disabilities Coalition

*Dedicated to the rights and quality of life of people with developmental disabilities in Maryland*

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## **Funding Developmental Disabilities Services How Maryland Rates<sup>1</sup>**

Maryland is the wealthiest state in the nation,<sup>2</sup> yet....

- ❖ Maryland ranks 43rd in the nation in terms of state spending on developmental disabilities services.
- ❖ Only eight states rank lower: Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Nevada, Texas and Virginia.

*The measure used is referred to as “fiscal effort,” which is a ratio that ranks states according to the proportion of their aggregate statewide personal income devoted to the financing developmental disability services. Some states are financing developmental disability services more vigorously than others. Comparative state fiscal effort analysis enables distinctions to be made between those states making a strong effort and those that are not.<sup>3</sup>*

To obtain a copy the research and report:  
*State of the States in Developmental Disabilities 2011*  
<https://www.cu.edu/ColemanInstitute/stateofthestates>

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Braddock, et.al. *The State of the States in Developmental Disabilities 2011*, Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities, University of Colorado, p. 58-60.

<sup>2</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau; based on median income.

<sup>3</sup> Fiscal effort represents the amount of funding a state spends on developmental disability services per \$1000 of total statewide personal income.