

Developmental Disabilities Coalition

Supporting people with developmental disabilities in their communities throughout Maryland

Developmental Disabilities Services How Maryland Rates¹

Although Maryland is the wealthiest state in the nation...

- ❖ We rank 43rd in terms of Maryland's 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 MR/DD services.*)²
- ❖ Maryland devotes 21% less resources for community services than the average state.
- ❖ State funding will need to increase well above the rate of inflation for the next several years just to bring Maryland up to the national average in overall fiscal effort for developmental disabilities services. Maryland should aspire to be more than average.

To obtain a copy of the "State of the States in Developmental Disabilities: 2008" Report by David Braddock and colleagues, contact maryellen.morse@cu.edu

¹ Source: David Braddock, PhD, Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities, University of Colorado, 2008

² Fiscal effort represents the amount of funding a state spends on developmental disability services per \$1000 of total statewide personal income.