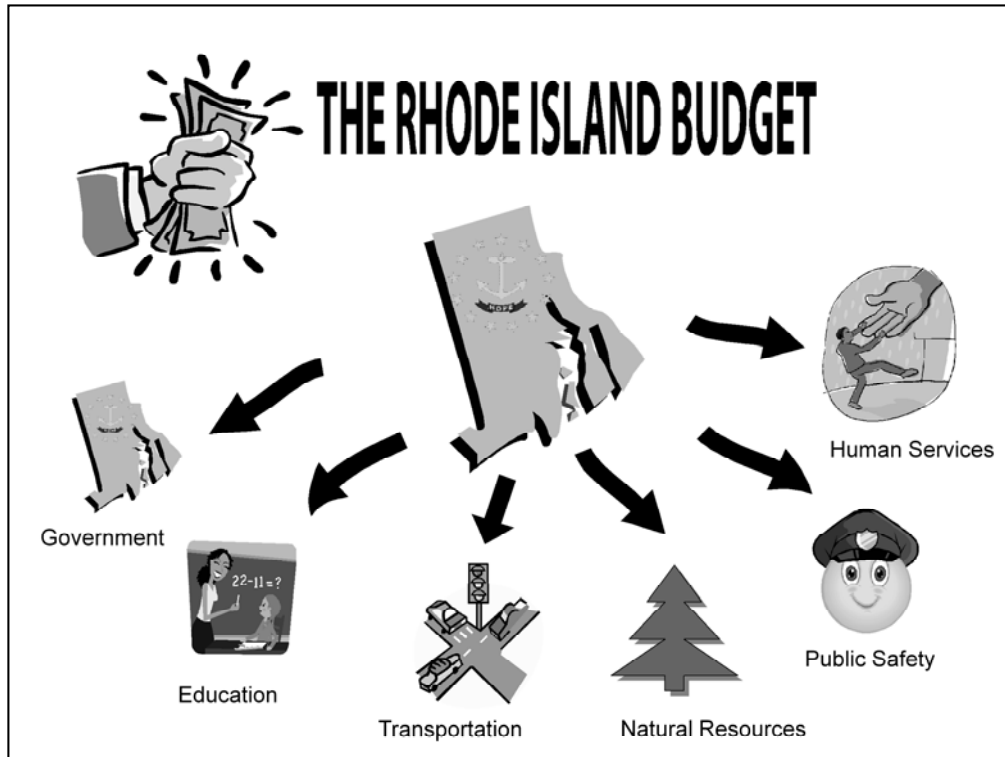


THE RHODE ISLAND STATE BUDGET

*(Part 3: What does the Division of Developmental
Disabilities Budget pay for? "Services, not Stuff")*





A budget means having a certain amount of money and planning how to spend it. RI has a budget that it uses to run these 6 “functions” of the state.

Human Services -> MHRH -> DDD



HUMAN SERVICES



**MENTAL
HEALTH**

HOSPITALS

**SUBSTANCE
ABUSE**

**DIVISION OF
DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES
(DDD)**

The part of the budget that we are talking about is in the HUMAN SERVICES category.







DDD PAYS FOR SUPPORT



**Provides Support to Rhode Islanders
who have a Developmental Disability
so they can live in and
be a part of their community**

The Division of Developmental Disabilities gets funding to provide supports to people who have been found eligible to receive services.

**DDD DOES NOT PAY
FOR MATERIAL “STUFF”**



**Does NOT pay for things like
rent, doctor appointments, or food!**

The DDD budget mostly pays for “services” that will help you live as independently as possible in the community. It does not pay for most things that you can buy in a store. It also doesn’t pay for other kinds of expenses like rent, utility bills or doctor appointments.



 **EXAMPLE: HOUSING** 




 **DOES NOT PAY RENT**

 **DOES PAY FOR SUPPORT**
* To help you live in your home


Rent may be covered by other supports a person receives, such as their Social Security check. Rent can also be subsidized by Section 8 housing. DDD Services dollars cannot be used to pay for rent or mortgages.




EXAMPLE: MEDICAL





DOES NOT PAY DOCTOR BILLS





DOES PAY FOR STAFF
To help you make appointments
To go to doctor's with you
To help you take medication




People who have a Developmental Disability may use their Medicaid Insurance to cover medical appointments and prescriptions. BUT: the stream of Medicaid money is NOT THE SAME! The funding that the Division of Developmental Disabilities pays is only for support services, not medical expenses. (yes, this IS confusing!)

 **EXAMPLE: GROCERIES** 



 **DOES NOT PAY FOR GROCERIES**

 **DOES PAY FOR**
* *(What do you think??)*

A person may get assistance to pay for groceries from other sources, such as food stamps. Some people may also have grocery bills included in the rent they pay through their Social Security check. DDD Services dollars cannot be used to pay for grocery or other shopping bills.

“SERVICES/ NOT STUFF”

What are some **SERVICES** that
YOU, or someone you know,
receive because of funding from DDD?



It's important to understand what **SERVICES** you (or someone you know) receive because of funding through the Division of Developmental Disabilities. When someone talks about the budget process and possible changes in funding, these are the services that could be cut. Most of the things that a support staff helps a person do are funding with money that comes through the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Some of this money is paid by the RI State Budget and some is matched with Medicaid dollars that come from the Federal Government.



REMEMBER:

the Rhode Island DDD budget
pays for “Services, not Stuff”!



SERVICES and SUPPORTS?
YES!



STUFF?
NO!



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