

General

- Budget 2007 includes almost \$18 million, or a 3.5% increase, in additional funding for the Persons with Developmental Disabilities, bringing its total budget to \$526 million for 2007/08.
- This new funding will help to address an increase in service demands for people with complex needs, for an aging population and for new people requiring supports, as well as assisting with agency staffing challenges.
- Each community board has flexibility to determine the best way to address these challenges based on local needs.
- In Alberta's booming economy, creative and innovative solutions beyond wages alone are needed to address staff recruitment and retention challenges.

Trends

Caseloads – up slightly

- Since 1999, the number of individuals receiving PDD funding for supports has increased by 21% or almost 1,600 people.

PDD Funding – up significantly

- Government funding for PDD is \$526.3 million in 2007-2008, up by 90% since 1999-2000 or \$250 million.
- Agencies receive \$429 million for services to individuals. The remainder goes to direct operations, program support, research, administration and building inclusive communities. In addition, significant grants are provided to the Alberta Council of Disability Services and Alberta Association of Community Living.

Agency Funding – up significantly

- Of the \$250 million in new funding since 1999, \$233 million or 93% has gone directly to agencies.
- In some years, annual funding increases have been targeted specifically to agency staff wages (\$65.4 M since 1999); in other years, agencies were allowed to determine where additional dollars were targeted (\$11 M since 1999).