

# New Survey Wants to Learn about Disability Community's Understanding of Innovations Waiver Waitlist

Raleigh, NC (March 1, 2022) - *(Organization Name Goes Here)*, in partnership with the Leadership of Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LAND), has [launched an online survey to understand the present status of the Innovations Waiver waitlist](#), the knowledge of it in the community, and how it impacts individuals with I/DD, their families, caregivers, and other stakeholders.

The Innovations Waiver is a federally approved Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid Waiver designed to meet the needs of individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD). It is intended to promote long-term care services and supports in the home or community, rather than in institutional settings.

Currently, there are approximately 15,000 people on the Innovations Waiver waitlist in North Carolina and that wait can be up to 12 years or more for many individuals in the state needing assistance with programs and services. Those 12 years are way above the average of the two-year wait in many other states in the U.S.

The Innovations Waiver waitlist is also known as the Registry of Unmet Needs, RUN, Medicaid waitlist, or the waiting list.

The aim of this brief survey is to understand further the current landscape of the Registry. It gives data to the question: Where are we now? with respect to the Registry. Additionally, the organizations want to understand people's current understanding of the waitlist, legislative advocacy, and more.

The results of the survey will help LAND develop and implement a statewide plan to bring more awareness to stakeholders like lawmakers, agency leaders, and other decision makers on the importance of reducing the waitlist for people with developmental disabilities.

The survey can be found [here](#). Deadline for taking the survey is March 31, 2022.

Individuals with I/DD or their family members who take the survey will be entered to receive one of nine \$50 Amazon gift cards. The recipient must be an individual with I/DD or a family member. LAND will choose three winners per region.

LAND, a program of The Mental Health Transformation Alliance, has been awarded a four-year grant from NCCDD to develop and carry out a coordinated approach to positively impact the Medicaid Innovations Waiver waiting list in North Carolina. The goals of the grant are not only to increase the number of Waiver slots, but to advocate for other ways the state can address the unmet needs of people who are on the Registry. It is also important to ensure others who may need services sign up for the Registry.

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#### About [YOUR ORGANIZATION] -

**About Leadership Alliance of Neurodevelopmental Disabilities:** The Leadership Alliance of Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LAND), a program of The Mental Health Transformation Alliance, has been awarded a four-year grant to develop and carry out a coordinated approach to positively impact the Medicaid Innovations Waiver waiting list in North Carolina.

**About the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities:** The North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) works to assure that people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families participate in the design of and have access to needed community services, individualized supports and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity and inclusion in all areas of community life. Through its Five-Year Plan, the Council identifies and funds innovative projects and initiatives that promote the goals of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act) for all North Carolinians.