

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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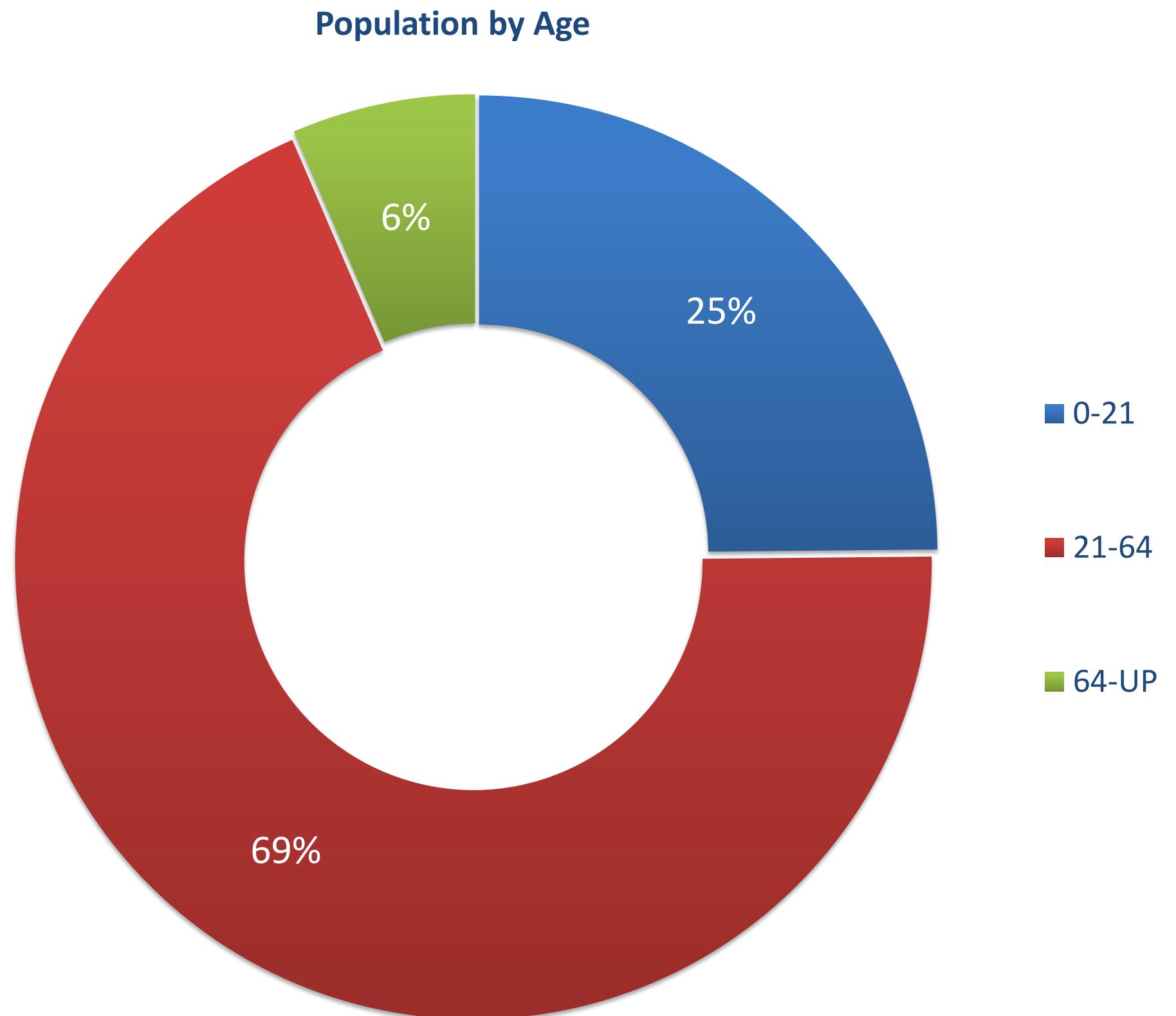
- OCDD believes in promoting partnerships and relationships that **empower people with developmental disabilities** to live fully integrated and valued lives.
- OCDD strives to provide the right services at the right time in the right place. Ensuring those with disabilities:
 - Can live, work, and engage in the community of their choice;
 - Receive quality services and supports; and
 - Increase independence for participants.



OCDD's waiver team with the State Employment Leadership Network

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- Approximately 45,000 people are within the OCDD service delivery system, including:
 - 15,000+ receiving home and community-based (HCBS) waiver services; and
 - 6,000 children with active support plans in the EarlySteps program.



2025 PERFORMANCE



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Incentivizing Quality through Value Based Payments

- 5 support coordination agencies awarded **\$600,000** in VBP, impacting **70%** of participants
- **\$5.5 million** scheduled to be released to HCBS providers meeting 2025 benchmarks, impacting **87%** of participants



Reduced Wait Times for Screenings for Urgency of Need

- Better processes reduced screening turnaround time from 6 weeks to **2 weeks**
- **2,819** initial screenings in 2025 (highest since the initial rollout)
- **4,136** total screenings in 2025



Expansion of EarlySteps Outreach

- **85.5%** for 2025 children exiting at the same level as their peers (up from 79%)
- Children referred and screened increased by **3,000** (10,000 to 13,000)
- **95.93%** satisfaction rate

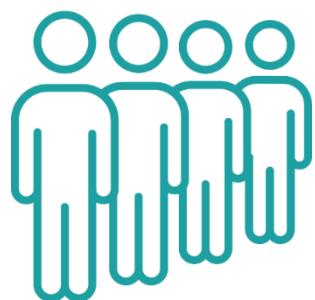
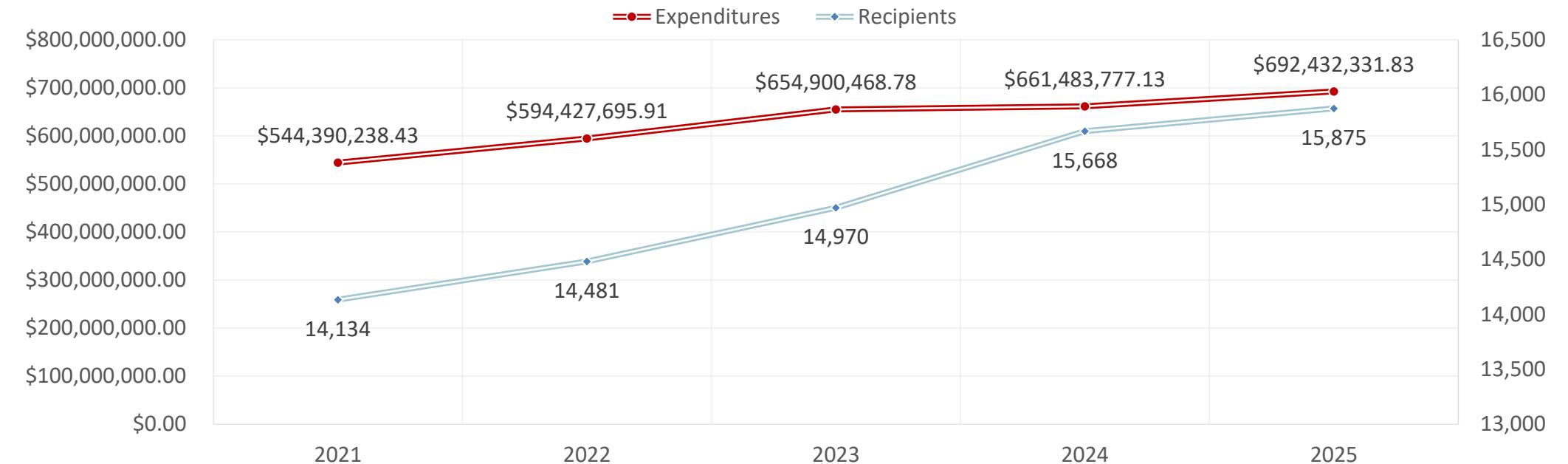
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- **11% increase in waiver recipients**
- **21% increase in waiver cost**
- Only **3% increase with removal of rate increases**

FIVE YEAR COMPARISON: WAIVER COST
VS WAIVER RECIPIENTS



- First come, first served prior to 2018
- All about “slots” rather than needs
- Reimagined system to **eliminate waitlist**

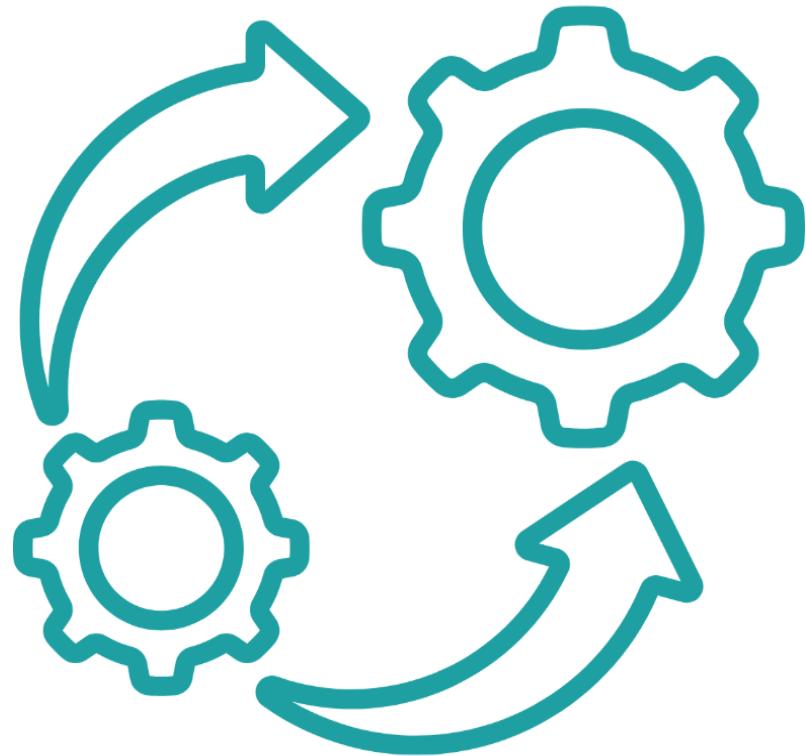


- **Sustainable system** without a waitlist
- Maintaining stable utilization through navigating wants and needs

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Reimagining EarlySteps

- Restructuring the intake process and service coordination
- Introducing stronger fiscal monitoring
- Ensuring multidisciplinary evaluations for services



Provider Compliance

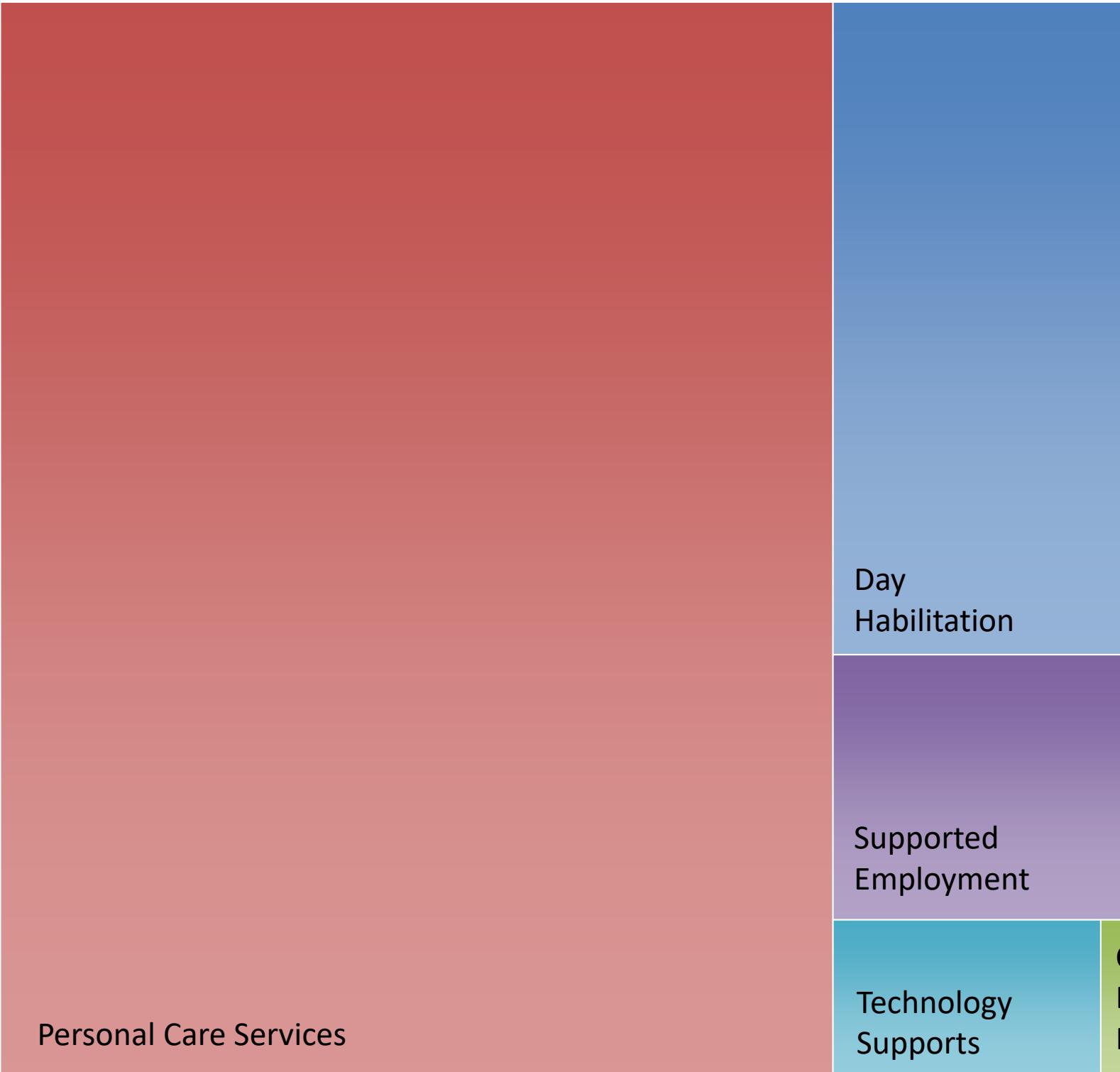
- In 2026, OCDD will scale up provider monitoring for improved program efficiency and outcomes for participants.
 - Monitored **260** providers in 2025
 - **51%** compliance rate in CY 25
 - **75%** targeted compliance rate in CY 26

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Independence

Through Tech

- Increase utilization of **assistive technology**.
 - 2025 CY utilization of **3%**
 - 2026 CY target of **10%**
- Stand up **tech hubs** statewide to showcase benefits of technology supports and building independence.



- Day Habilitation
- Personal Care Services
- Center Based Respite
- Supported Employment
- Technology Supports

RESIDENT IMPACT & ENGAGEMENT



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How it all comes together when people get the **right services** at the **right time** in the **right place** ...

Meet Cooper!

- Cooper went through multiple in- and out-of-state placements.
- Enterprise-wide collaboration identified appropriate support options for Cooper.
- Cooper is now thriving in the community and exploring services that promote increased independence.



THANK YOU

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