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**WHAT: AN INVESTMENT IN INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES**

**WHY: TO ACHIEVE A COMMUNITY AND STATE WHERE ALL CITIZENS ARE VALUED THERE MUST BE AN INVESTMENT IN INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR SUPPORT SERVICES. THESE VITAL SUPPORTS ENABLE THOSE WITH DD, TO ACHIEVE A MEANINGFUL LIFE AND A STATE WHERE ALL CITIZENS ARE VALUED.**

**DBHDD / DCH FACTS: There has NEVER been a state funded investment in individuals with DD and their community based services since the inception of the Medicaid Waivers to support community based services.**

**1988 – 89 Waivers began (MRWP)**

**1997-CHSS Waiver added to support closure of Brookrun**

**2003-FIRST waiver increase (both MRWP and CHSS) – match derived by eliminating $400 GIA Room and Board supplement. Increase was 3.4% - NO STATE MONEY WAS INVESTED IN INDIVIDUALS WITH DD.**

**2007-Legislatively approved 3% rate increase- not implemented in 2008 due to economy shift**

**FY 2014 GIA Contracts $32m unmatched State dollars for Waiver type services (CLS, SE , CRA &CAG/Prevoc)**

**ECONOMIC FACTS:**

**Consumer Price Index (CPI) has risen 88.3% since 1989**

**Cost of Employee Benefits has risen 146% since 1989**

**Minimum Wage has risen 116.42% in past 20 years ($3.35 1983 to $7.25 2013)**