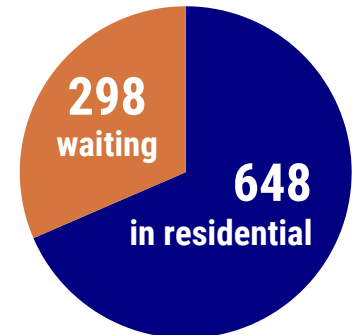


A recent survey of 11 Pennsylvania providers of brain injury services identified **648 individuals** with brain injuries who are currently receiving residential supports. Another **298*** are either on a waiting list or waiting for an assessment. The workforce continues to experience excessive turnover (**36.5%** for Direct Support Professionals [or DSPs] and **24.9%** for other professionals).



** June 2024 survey*

31.5% of needs for residential services are UNMET

No Improvement in Waiting Lists

Residential rates have not allowed an increase in DSP wages

Biggest Challenges Facing BI Providers

- **Insufficient funding** to attract staff and support programs' operational needs.
- **No reduction in waiting lists** over the past two years.
- **33% loss** in the number of Brain Injury providers (18 to 12).
- Managed Care Organizations **resist negotiation of rates** that meet the costs associated with providing care to individuals with complex issues.
- A Rate and Wage study, commissioned by the Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) and conducted by an independent firm, concluded that residential rates were **44% below** market benchmarks.
- Some providers are **no longer accepting residential clients** because the **rates are too low** to provide safe staffing ratios.





DSP turnover is **36.5%**
17.7% of DSP positions are vacant
 Turnover for other professional positions is **24.9%**

The Request

An infusion of \$13M in the State Budget directed to BI Residential Habilitation services, **which becomes \$30M with a federal match.**

