

**FCCF Position
on
Re-prioritization of the Wait List**

Category 1 - which includes clients deemed to be in crisis as described in rule.

Category 2 - which includes children on the wait list who are from the child welfare system with an open case in the Department of Children and Family Services' statewide automated child welfare information system.

Category 3 - which includes, but is not required to be limited to, clients:

1. Whose caregiver has a documented condition that is expected to render the caregiver unable to provide care within the next 12 months and for whom a caregiver is required but no alternate caregiver is available;
2. At substantial risk of incarceration or court commitment without supports;
3. Whose documented behaviors or physical needs place them or their caregiver at risk of serious harm and other supports are not currently available to alleviate the situation; or
4. Who are identified as ready for discharge within the next year from a state mental health hospital or skilled nursing facility and who require a caregiver but for whom no caregiver is available.

Category 4 - which includes, but is not required to be limited to, clients whose caregivers are 70 years of age or older and for whom a caregiver is required but no alternate caregiver is available.

Category 5 - which includes, but is not required to be limited to, clients who are expected to graduate within the next 12 months from secondary school and need support to obtain or maintain competitive employment, or to pursue an accredited program of postsecondary education to which they have been accepted.

Category 6 - which includes clients 21 years of age or older who do not meet the criteria for category 1, category 2, category 3, category 4, or category 5.

Category 7 - which includes clients younger than 21 years of age who do not meet the criteria for category 1, category 2, category 3, or category 4.

Setting Wait List Priority Procedure

Within categories 3-7 the agency shall maintain a wait list of clients in the order of the categories first and the order of the date that the client is determined eligible for waiver services second.