

# *THE HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES WAIVER PROGRAM*

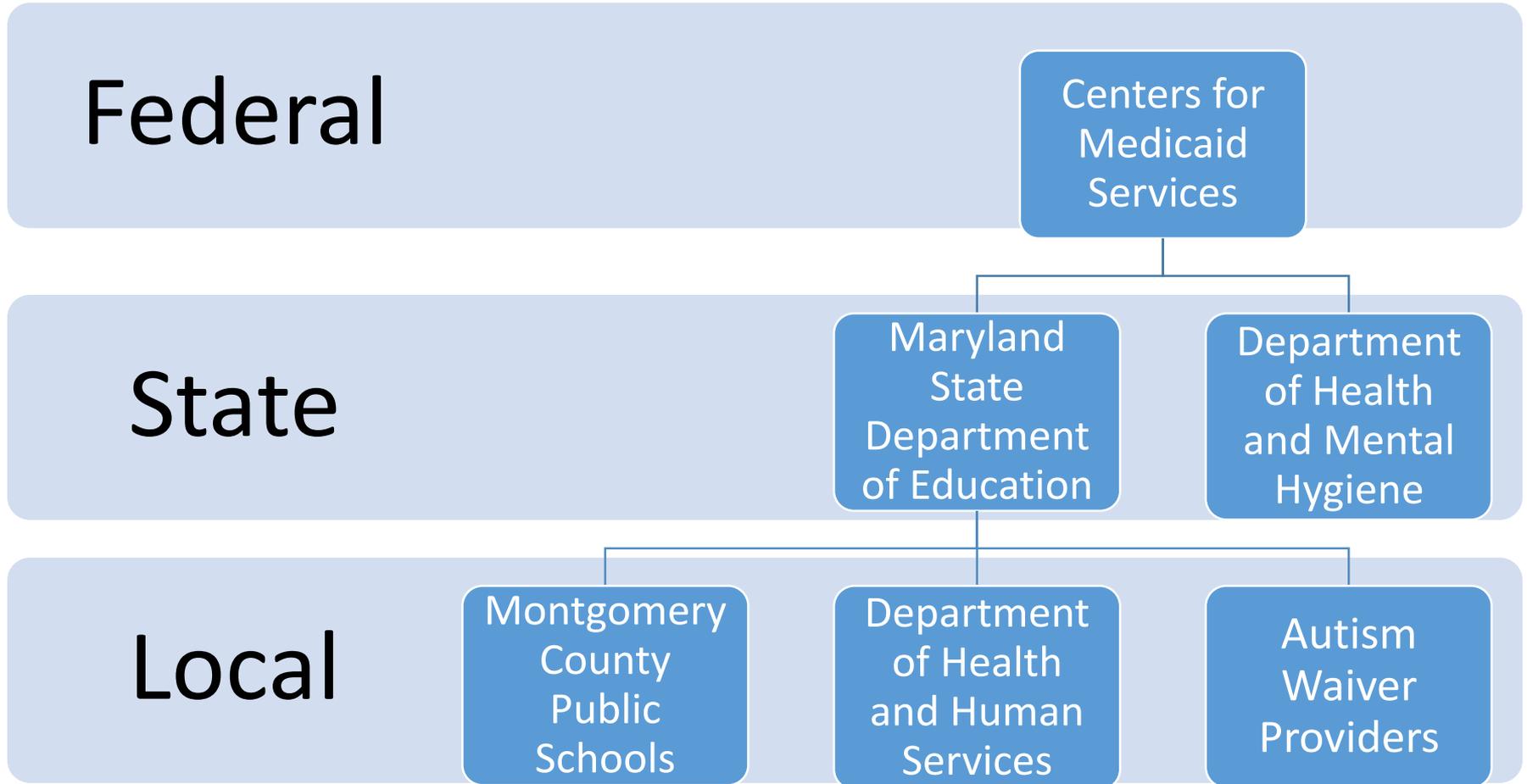


*CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER*

# Autism Waiver Overview

- Designed to prevent institutionalization of children with severe autism.
- Provides therapeutic programming to increase participant's independence.
- Medical model service delivery that is centered on goal oriented treatment plans and outcomes.

# Administration



# Eligibility Requirements

## Medical

- Diagnosis of Autism within the last 3 years
- Meets minimum Level of Care scores

## Technical

- Enrolled in publically funded school
- Has at least 15 hours of Sped Ed a week
- Can be safely maintained in community

## Financial

- Waives parent's income
- Child does not have more than \$2000 in their name
- Special Needs Trusts are exempt

# Medical Eligibility

- Autism Coding on the IEP is acceptable documentation of disability.
- If coding is not present, documentation of diagnosis in the last 3 years is required.
- Level of Care Assessment evaluates:
  - Basic Living Skills
  - Functional Living Skills
  - Interfering Behaviors

# Autism Waiver Services

Service	Purpose	Available Hours
Intensive Individual Support Services	Direct one-to-one service provided in home and community, based on a treatment plan, to promote independence	25 hours per week
Therapeutic Integration	Site based program that focuses on individual goals and socialization	20 hours per week
Intensive Therapeutic Integration	Provides one-to-one support during Therapeutic Integration	15 hours per week
Respite Care	Allows the family to take a break from care	336 hours per year
Family Consultation	Trained specialist to assist family in creating optimal supports for participant	40 hours per year

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Adult Life Planning	Trained specialist to assist family in transition planning	45 hours total, 15 hours per year. Available at age 16
Environmental Adaptations Accessibility	Modify home environment to increase safety	Limited to \$2000 over 3 year period
Residential Habilitation	Intensive 24 hour, 7 days a week placement for maximum support	365 days a year
Service Coordination	Assist families in navigating resources	Continuous Support

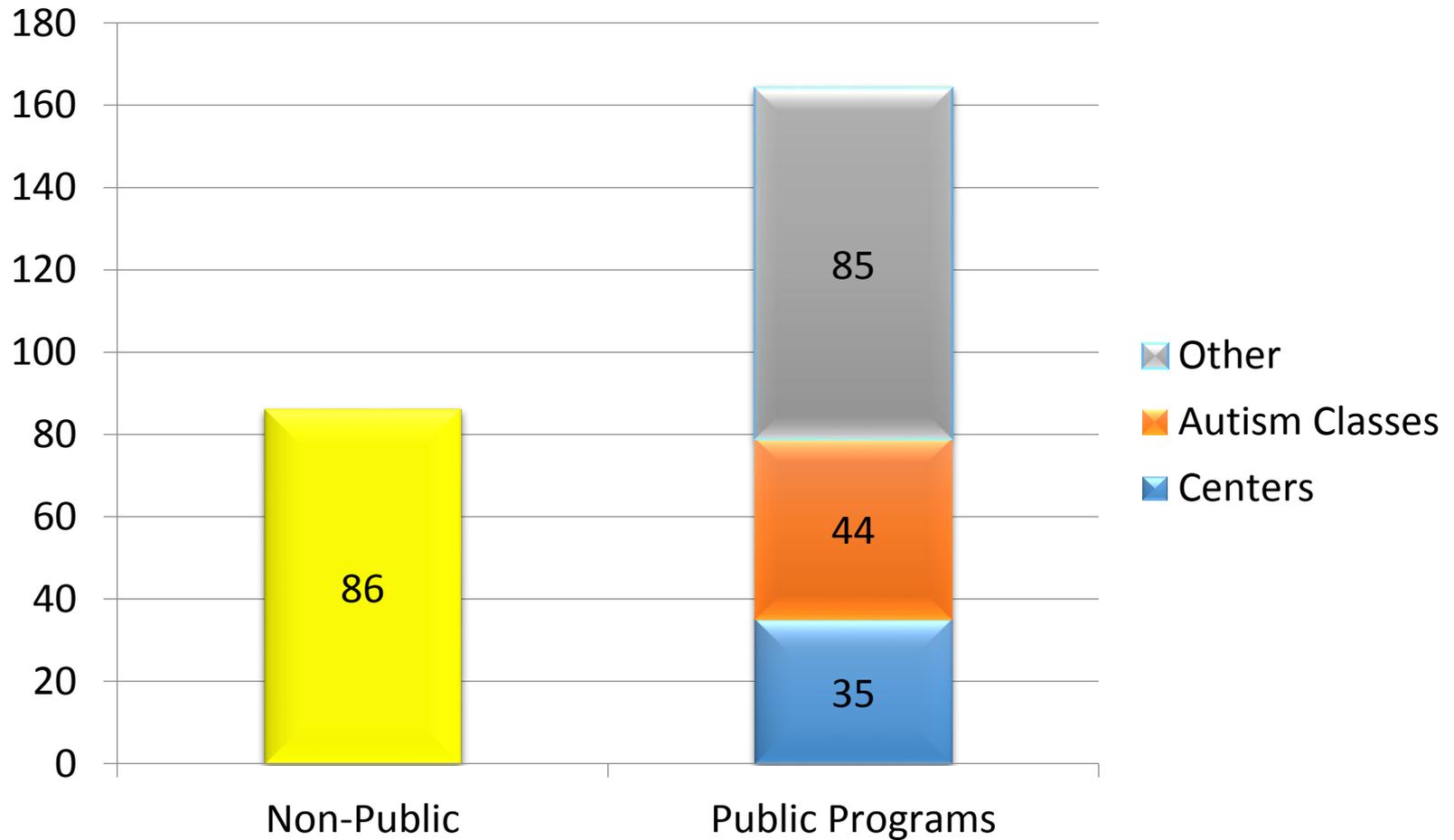
## Medical Assistance:

- Physician and hospital care
- Pharmacy
- Disposable medical supplies and equipment
- Payment of Medicare premiums, co-payments and deductibles

# Autism Waiver Facts

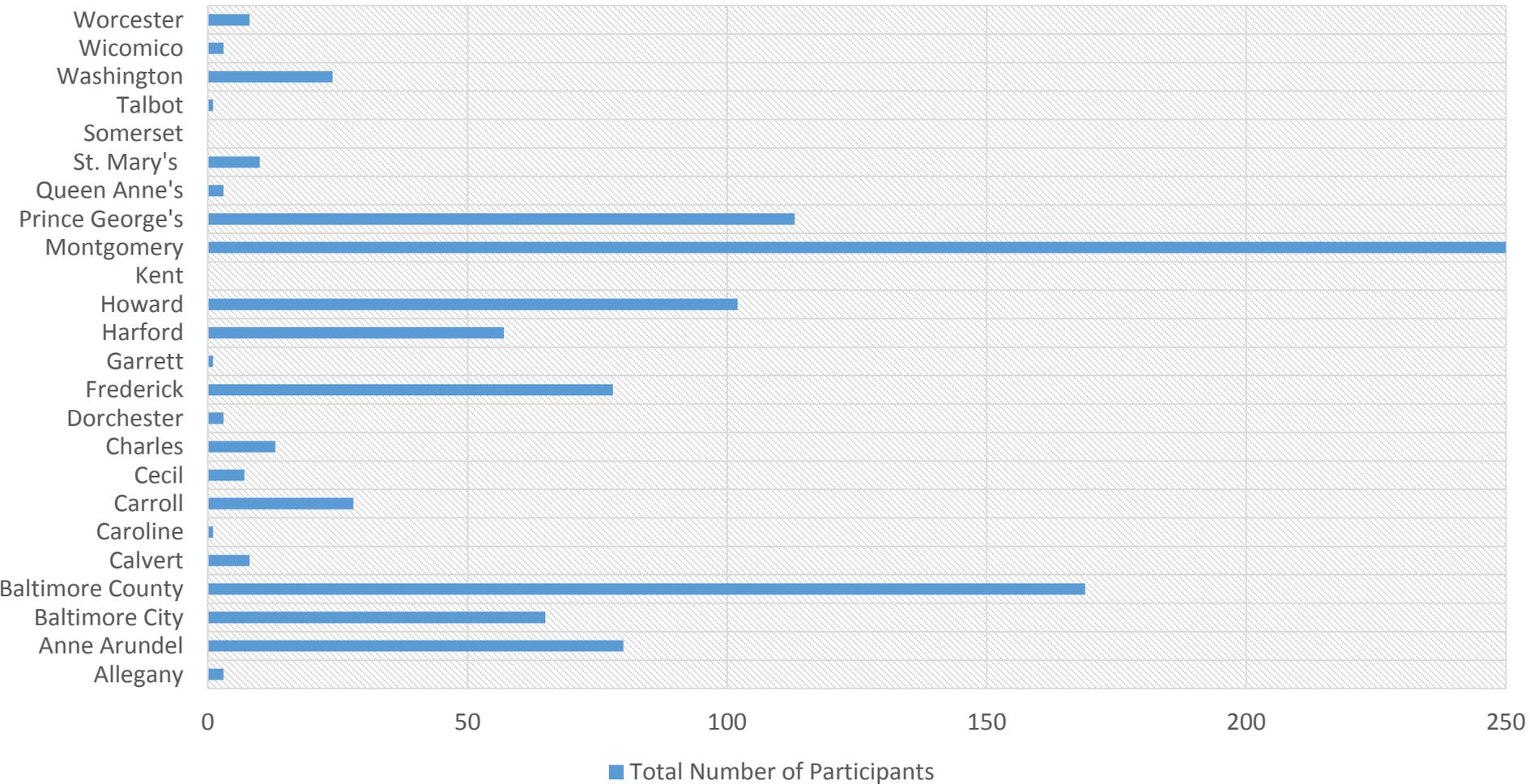
- Maryland is approved for 1,000 slots to serve all 24 counties
- Governor Hogan requested 100 additional slots in the 2017 budget
- Montgomery County Currently has 255 children approved for services
- Approximately 20-30 students exit the program each year
- There are currently over 4,500 students on the Autism Waiver Registry
- Over 900 students of the students on the registry are from Montgomery County

# Autism Waiver Facts



# Autism Waiver Participants by LEA

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# Questions?

To register for the Autism Waiver  
please call, The Autism Waiver Registry,  
at 1-866-417-3480

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