

# Office of People With Developmental Disabilities

The Executive Budget recommends (analysis as of **January 23, 2025**):

- A **FY 2025-26 workforce of 19,115, unchanged** from the 2024-25 Budget.
- The Office of People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) anticipates the loss of 1,662 positions through attrition and expects 1,662 new fills.

The following chart identifies estimated FTEs level by program:

Program	FY 2024-25 Est. FTEs 3/31/25	FY 2025-26 Est. FTEs 3/31/26	FTE Change
Central Coordination and Support	1,178	1,178	0
Community Services	15,583	15,583	0
Institutional Services	2,260	2,260	0
Research in Development Disabilities	94	94	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>19,115</b>	<b>19,115</b>	<b>0</b>

- A State Operations All Funds appropriation of **\$2.4 billion**, an increase of **\$7.8 million (.33%)** from the enacted appropriation for the previous FY.
- A total Personal Services appropriation of **\$2 billion**, an **increase of \$7.8 million (.39%)** from the enacted appropriation for the previous FY.
- The agency employed an estimated **194.37** contract employees under consultant contracts in the previous FY at a cost of **\$30.1 million**. It is estimated that the number of consultant FTE contract employees will **decrease** in FY 2025-26 to **147.46** at an estimated cost of **\$22.3 million (-25.8%)**.
- Budget Highlights
  - Continue funding rate enhancements for not-for-profit providers: Continue investments to support updated reimbursement rates for OPWDD providers that began during FY 2025. Includes almost \$850 million in annualized funding to help OPWDD not-for-profit providers increase wages for their frontline workforce.
  - Modernize research in developmental disabilities: Include a five-year capital investment of \$75 million to renovate the Institute for Basic Research in Developmental Disabilities (IBR) campus on Staten Island, including the development of a Genomics Core facility and creation of space for a Willowbrook learning center. This investment will renovate existing buildings and consolidate space to a more focused footprint, while also modernizing equipment needed to help advance IBR’s research goals.
  - Invest new State resources (\$30 million in FY 2026, \$60 million annualized) to fund OPWDD priority program reforms and new service opportunities that enable

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individuals to receive the support they need. This includes individuals who are entering the OPWDD service system for the first time and individuals already receiving services, but whose needs have changed. These State funds leverage Federal resources for a gross increase of \$120 million annually.