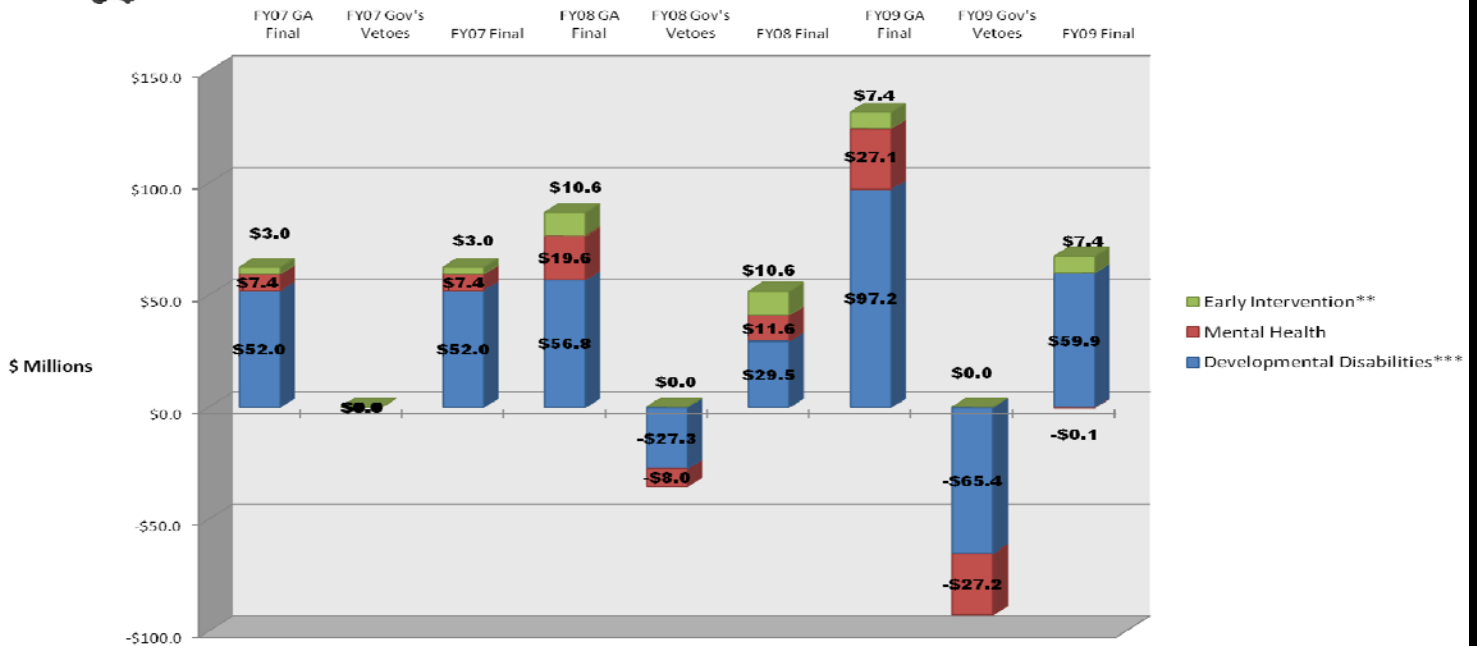




## Despite Modest Increases to Community Services, Illinois is still 51<sup>st</sup> and Failing!



### FY07 - FY09 Community DD, MH, and EI Funding Increases\*



\*Sources: General Assembly approved budgets FY07 – FY09 (P.A. 94-0798, P.A. 95-0348, P.A. 95-0734) and Governor's Vetoes (P.A. 95-0348 and P.A. 95-0734).

\*\*For FY08-FY09, early intervention services received increases due to a negotiated MOU

\*\*\*Includes \$28.1 million in restorations from P.A. 95-1001, but does not include the \$4.2 million being reserved by DHS effective January 1, 2009

- As indicated by the chart, although there have been modest increases in funding for community services, these increases do not reflect/quantify extensive payment delays experienced by community providers during FY08-FY09.
- Studies have shown that Illinois' community services' system is underfunded by as much as 25%, while other reports suggest the system needs to invest at least \$200 - \$250 million a year over the next several years to bring Illinois to mid-point among resource investment made by states nationally.
- Inadequate rates and reimbursements don't reflect the rising costs of providing services and supports, such as higher energy costs, transportation services for clients to and from residential locations to day programs, and the ability to maintain residential settings of 8 or fewer.
- According to the American Network of Community Options and Resources' (ANCOR) 2008 Direct Support Professional Wage Survey; at \$9.04/hr, Illinois' private provider average wage for direct-support professionals is ranked 34<sup>th</sup> in the nation, even though Illinois is ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in per capita personal income.
- The \$9.04/hr wage is only \$1.04/hr over the Illinois minimum wage and \$1,203 annually above the federal poverty level (FPL) for a family of three.
- According to "The State of the States in Developmental Disabilities: 2008", Illinois is ranked 51<sup>st</sup> in the nation in funding for community residential alternatives of six or fewer beds and 47<sup>th</sup> in funding for community-based waiver programs
- In its 2006 report, Illinois received an "F" from the National Alliance on Mental Illness in responding to consumers with mental health needs.



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