

FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, THERE HAS NOT BEEN ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR ADULT DAY CARE IN OKLAHOMA. WE DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THE PROBLEM IS

It may be that the legislature does not appropriate sufficient funding to the Department of Human Services for the Department to adequately fund Adult Day Care or is it that the Department of Human Services simply chooses to fund other program with the available dollars. Either way, the state is missing a bet to save dollars by helping families keep the frail elderly and handicapped individuals at home out of an institutional setting until it is absolutely necessary to utilize an institutional setting.

The Department of Human Services, has not been able to adequately fund Adult Day Care services for a number of years for whatever the reason. There are 32 Adult Day Care facilities in Oklahoma and more are needed.

The following is an example of inadequately funding from only one center, The Daily Living Centers. The figures are from annually audited financial statements from 1997 through 2005 and show the dollar amounts not funded by DHS for DHS funded families.

This is for information only and is not a complaint. Just a statement.

1997-----	\$ 127,677
1998-----	\$ 70,788
1999-----	\$ 76,353
2000-----	\$ 118,510
2001-----	\$ 224,540
2002-----	\$ 293,096
2003-----	\$ 176,786
2004-----	\$ 157,721
2005-----	\$ 214,070

Total Shortfall for these nine (9) years for DHS funded families ----- \$ 1,495,541

WE NEED ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR ADULT DAY CARE IN OKLAHOMA