

- De-institutionalization of persons who are mentally ill and/or mentally retarded when community support is not adequate
- Inadequate access to health care and costly medications
- Pathological family relationships/violence as a coping mechanism in society
- Physical and mental stress of caregiving in traditionally non-violent, caring households
- Denial of benefits, such as SSI and Medicaid, to some elderly and disabled immigrants

**Challenges:**

- Need for revisions to rules, handbooks and operating procedures, as well as close monitoring of changes in processes that occur due to the re-organization of MH and MR programs among state agencies
- Affordable means of housing for persons who need supervision of medication only
- Waiting lists and other limitations in the availability of in-home care and home health care
- Shortage of resources to serve persons denied long-term care and other benefits under welfare reform
- Gaps in surrogate decision-making processes for incapacitated persons in hospitals, nursing homes and community-based settings
- Lack of access to affordable health care and prescription drugs
- Inadequate community services for persons discharged from state hospitals and schools
- Lack of statewide access to preventative or early intervention services such as case management for elderly persons and adults with disabilities who are at risk but not yet experiencing abuse, neglect, or exploitation
- Enhancing and developing community resources in an effort to increase awareness of abuse, neglect and exploitation and to address increasing needs of APS consumers
- Hiring and maintaining a skilled workforce while the availability of caseworkers and specialized geriatric social work training is not keeping pace with the ever-increasing number of older Americans

## Fiscal Year 2005 Staffing and Projected Expenditures

**APS Staff Costs \$26,990,959**

493 Direct Delivery (supervisors, workers, clerical)  
548 Total Staff

**Purchased Services \$5,644,227**

- Emergency Client Services
- Emergency shelter
- Nutrition/Food
- Personal needs
- Medical Supplies
- Guardianship Contracts

**MHMR Investigations Staff Costs (all settings) \$4,349,581**

91 Direct Delivery (supervisors, workers, clerical)  
95 Total Staff