



### **Restore funding to community Safety Net services**

- Support the \$31.3 million DADS exceptional item to restore and strengthen Safety Net services. These critical short-term services include:
  - Respite care (planned or emergency)
  - Behavioral support services
  - Training and other community supports

### **Reduce waiting lists and support community choice**

- Support the HHSC exceptional item (\$223.3 million GR) to increase access to community services, including an additional 3,840 people in the Home and Community-based Services (HCS) waiver program.
- Support the DADS exceptional item for Promoting Independence (\$13.6 million GR) to support 500 people returning to the community from institutional settings.
- Support DADS exceptional item (\$4.6 million GR) to provide an HCS option for 100 children and 96 adults at risk of institutionalization due to crises and emergencies.



**We support increased effectiveness and efficiency in our system of care**

- The Community MHMR Center system stands ready to develop solutions and implement future transformation—the following key factors provide catalyst for reform:
  - 39,455 people are on the Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid Waiver waiting list as of December 2008 according to DADS—with as much as 8-9 year wait time.
  - U.S. Department of Justice oversight highlights the need to address quality of care in state facilities and ensure accountability throughout the community system.

**Support access to quality services for people with intellectual disabilities!**