

# SB1897



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB1897

Introduced 1/10/2008, by Sen. M. Maggie Crotty

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1705/4.4 new

Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Subject to appropriation, requires the Department of Human Services to operate Community Resource Centers at each of its 9 State-operated developmental centers. Provides that the objective of the Community Resource Centers is to improve services delivered in the community by providing the services of the skilled State workforce to individuals residing in community settings when individuals need those services.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Mental Health and Developmental  
5 Disabilities Administrative Act is amended by adding Section  
6 4.4 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1705/4.4 new)

8 Sec. 4.4. Community Resource Centers.

9 (a) The General Assembly finds that many individuals with  
10 developmental disabilities, in consultation with their family  
11 members or legal guardians, or both, seek care in  
12 State-operated developmental centers because of the extensive  
13 array of services available in those settings. Other  
14 individuals with developmental disabilities, in consultation  
15 with their family members or legal guardians, or both, choose  
16 to receive services in community residential settings or in  
17 their own homes. However, these individuals may find that  
18 critical services are simply unavailable when needed in many  
19 community settings. As a result, these individuals and their  
20 families face unnecessary hardships and risk unnecessary  
21 service disruptions. In order for the Department of Human  
22 Services to meet its responsibility to protect the health and  
23 welfare of persons with developmental disabilities, the

1 appropriate services, provided by trained and qualified  
2 workers, must be available and accessible. State-operated  
3 developmental centers are uniquely positioned to provide these  
4 services because the higher needs of the current center  
5 residents necessitate the presence of highly trained and  
6 specialized staff.

7 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department of Human  
8 Services shall operate Community Resource Centers at each of  
9 its 9 State-operated developmental centers. The objective of  
10 the Community Resource Centers is to improve services delivered  
11 in the community by providing the services of the skilled State  
12 workforce to individuals residing in community settings when  
13 individuals need those services. These services shall be  
14 provided on an inpatient or outpatient basis or in the  
15 resident's home or other settings. The services shall include,  
16 but need not be limited to, services already available to  
17 individuals residing at State-operated developmental centers  
18 including, but not limited to, the following:

19 (1) Providing direct care services for individuals  
20 with developmental disabilities, including, but not  
21 limited to, medical services, podiatric services, dental  
22 services, respite care, psychiatric services, behavioral  
23 services, geriatric services, post-operative convalescent  
24 care, crisis medical and behavioral care, communication  
25 services, educational and vocational services, and  
26 adaptive equipment. These services shall be made available

1 when appropriate upon the request of the individual, the  
2 individual's guardian, or the individual's service  
3 provider.

4 (2) Advising and assisting community-based providers  
5 with individual program planning services, including, but  
6 not limited to, review of medications and behavioral plans.  
7 These services shall be made available upon the request of  
8 the individual's service provider.

9 (3) Providing specialized training in the unique needs  
10 of individuals with developmental disabilities for direct  
11 care practitioners and students, including, but not  
12 limited to, doctors, dentists, podiatrists, psychiatrists,  
13 and other health practitioners and students.