



## PUNS-Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services

- The Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS) is the current process used by the Intellectual Disability System for determining what services an individual needs and when they need them.
- The PUNS should be reviewed at every ISP meeting and updated as necessary based on changes in the individual's needs.
- The individual and family use PUNS to understand what category of urgency they are in.
- The Supports Coordinator uses PUNS to plan for the individual's needs.
- The state uses PUNS to influence future planning across the state.
- When there is a change in need and the need is unmet, PUNS must be completed within 30 days.
  
- There are 3 categories of need:
  - Emergency: the need for the supports and services is immediate or within 6 months
  - Critical: the need is more than 6 months but less than 2 years
  - Planning: the need is more than 2 years but less than 5 years
  
- There may be a waiting list for some funding for services. Funding and services may not be available even though the individual falls into the Emergency or Critical category.