



Alliance for the Betterment of
Citizens with Disabilities

Empowering People: Providers Shaping Policies

**THE ALLIANCE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES
EARLY INTERVENTION PROVIDER ASSOCIATION**

Fiscal Year 2023 New Jersey State Budget

Annualize the 7.5% Rate Increase

On May 6, 2021, the Murphy Administration made an unprecedented move when the Department of Health announced that effective July 1, 2021, the Early Intervention provider rate would increase by 5% by using carryover funds unspent from the then-current FY2021 Budget. Furthermore, the FY2022 Appropriations Act allocated an additional 2.5% increase effective January 1, 2022, for a total of 7.5% for Early Intervention.

ABCD supports the annualization of the full 7.5% rate increases for Early Intervention providers, enacted and expanded by the Murphy Administration which understood that attracting and keeping qualified physical, occupational and speech therapists, and special educators in Early Intervention with the same rate as in 2005 while competing with hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and the 573 public school districts throughout NJ was putting EI on a clear trajectory toward the erosion of life-changing services for infants and toddlers.

Help us continue to make a real difference in the lives of infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities by preventing the erosion of therapeutic services in order to improve outcomes and positively change their developmental path.

We respectfully request that the current rate be annualized.

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