



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

Please Support Annualization of the Current Rates

On May 6, 2021, the Murphy Administration made an unprecedented move when it announced that effective July 1, 2021, the Early Intervention provider rate would increase by 5%, using carryover funds unspent from the then-current FY '21 Budget. Furthermore, the New Jersey Legislature allocated an additional 2.5% increase in FY'22 Budget effective January 1, 2022, for a total of 7.5% for Early Intervention. The Legislature understood the reality of 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. They knew and acted to change this reality which was putting Early Intervention on a clear trajectory toward erosion of life-changing services for infants and toddlers.

ABCD supports Governor Murphy's proposal to annualize the full 7.5% rate increase for Early Intervention providers in his proposed FY'23 Budget.

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.

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