



Alliance for the Betterment of
Citizens with Disabilities

Empowering People: Providers Shaping Policies

**Governor Murphy's FY'23 Budget Proposals for
Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
and their Providers**

ABCD thanks and commends Governor Murphy for the expansion of investment and services to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in his administration's Fiscal Year 2023 proposed budget. Despite the global pandemic, Governor Murphy has once again found a way to value the individuals that we serve. Noteworthy investments include:

- Annualizing and increasing wages for our front-line workers, supervisors, and managers to ensure that they receive salaries commensurate with the support they provide. Support which produces human potential, dignity, and freedom. \$31.3 million more for Direct Support Professionals and \$10.4 million more for front line supervisors and managers for a total of \$41.7 million in State dollars.
- Preventing the return to the unsustainable and insecure day program rate structure through the annualization of the 16% FY'22. increase to Day Program rates which will help cover costs, sustain operations, and enable planning for the future. \$9 million in State dollars.
- Preventing the erosion of life changing services for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities through the annualization of the 7.5% FY'22 increase to the Early Intervention Provider rate.

ABCD would be remiss if we did not also express our gratitude to the members of the NJ Legislature for their efforts to help us achieve these targets.

In addition, we are pleased that the budget includes:

- Launching a new, virtual Disability Information Hub, informed by individuals with disabilities, to help them better plan for their future by providing up-to-date, consumer-friendly, accessible information about disability services in a central location. \$250,000.
- Raising awareness among the public about the Department's services and supports through a targeted advertising campaign. \$5 million
- Increasing the income limitations of PAAD and Senior Gold prescription drug programs and LIHEAP.
- Funding measures to finance nearly 3,300 new affordable units – many affordable to the lowest income NJ residents and to residents with special needs.
- Increasing funds for the Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP).

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