Alliance for the Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities

Empowering People: Providers Shaping Policies

5% Cost of Living for Day and Residential ($63.5M State Share)

In the proposed FY'23 budget, the annualization of the FY'22 increase for day programs and services finally affords day with the right platform to provide supports and services to the IDD population[1] for which we thank the Murphy Administration and the NJ Legislature.

Now that we will have stabilized platforms in both day and residential, we need a path forward which provides the required resources and flexibility for day and residential to run their agencies, programs, and services effectively and efficiently in the future.

Targeted increases are effective but are not a long-term solution. To prevent crisis and interruption of services, enable leaders to focus on mission and outcomes, and invest in the immediate and future health of the organization, it is incumbent upon state government to consider the full financial context in which the community provider operates.

Contact your state legislators and members of the Senate and Assembly Budget Committees and ask them to **support a 5% across the board Cost of Living Adjustment[2] in DDD Day and Residential Programs to address the rising cost of doing business and the necessity to retain and recruit staff during the workforce crisis.**

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[1] Based on 2019 pre-Covid issues

[2] NYS FY'23 Enacted Budget contains a 5.4% COLA for all OPWDD services.

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