



Alliance for the Betterment of
Citizens with Disabilities

Empowering People: Providers Shaping Policies

Demand for Early Intervention Services Continues to Outpace Supply

Wait List Grows for Infants and Toddlers

We are very excited by the turn of events in Early Intervention due to the leadership of the Murphy Administration and the NJ Legislature. Last year's increase of 7.5% is helping providers attract and hire practitioners while keeping clinical oversight in the field. Though our system is righting itself, it will take time to remedy over a decade of under resourcing.

Historically the State's No Provider/Practitioner Available directory (NPA)¹ had no more than 100 infants and toddlers listed as seeking service. In just over 2.5 weeks the number of infants and toddlers on the State's NPA directory has increased by 10% from 624 to 688 infants and toddlers waiting for over 30 days to begin receiving services that could transform their lives and futures.²

Contact your state legislators and members of the Senate and Assembly Budget Committees and ask them to **support a 2.5% increase to Early Intervention Provider rates to address the necessity to retain and recruit staff.** EI is a short window of just 3 years, losing this time may create permanent disability. Help us provide life changing services to all eligible infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities.

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¹ NPA is a statewide waiting list of infants and toddlers who are eligible for EI services but have not been assigned to a practitioner for over 30 days because no practitioner can be found to accommodate the service need/demand.

² Largest percentage increases are in Monmouth, Ocean, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, and Camden.