



**Alliance for the Betterment of  
Citizens with Disabilities**

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**Empowering People: Providers Shaping Policies**

**Governor Murphy's FY'24 Budget Proposals for  
Individuals with Developmental Disabilities  
and their Service Providers**

ABCD thanks Governor Murphy for the expansion of investment and services to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in his administration's Fiscal Year 2024 proposed budget. Noteworthy investments include:

- Investing in services and supports to enable people with IDD to fully participate in an integrated community, insuring that people on both sides of the disabled divide can thrive in the same place. A 3% across the board rate increase for DDD community providers for a total of \$36 million in State dollars.
- 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.
- Working to support the best possible housing choices for individuals with IDD by increasing the capped housing rates for licensed SROs by 10%. A total of \$5 million in State dollars.
- Ensuring high quality support coordination for the adult IDD population by extending the FY'22 rate increase through the fourth quarter of FY'24, annualized going forward. A total of \$4.5 million in State dollars
- Strengthening mental health crisis care for adults with IDD by providing contracted services for emergency capacity beds redevelopment. A total of \$5 million in State dollars.
- Establishing community-based crisis intervention for adults with IDD and mental health needs through START regional response teams. A total of \$3.2 million in State dollars.
- Reinforcing our workforce through a one-year effort that upholds the system of HCBS services for people with IDD and others needing long term care services. The initiative will include a package of recruitment and retention payments, student loan redemption and related programs and subsidized training. A total of \$86.75 million in one-time dollars.

And in addition, the proposed budget will:

- Increase the income limitations of PAAD and Senior Gold prescription drug programs.
- Increase funds for Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged the Disabled (HAAAD). \$200K in State dollars.
- Increase the rate for Support Brokerage. \$250K in State/Federal dollars
- Ensure a minimum of \$95 per month for every household receiving SNAP benefits.
- Expand the Workability program so that NJ residents with disabilities who join the workforce and begin to earn income that would otherwise cost them their health benefits, will not lose NJ FamilyCare benefits. A total of \$36 million dollars.
- Transition people with either IDD or mental health issues who are under 65 and living in nursing homes into housing in the community. A total of \$13 million in one-time dollars

Despite that fact that the NPA waiting list, historically at less than 100 infants and children has remained above 650 since May of 2022 and is currently above 750 infants and children waiting over 30 days for services, there was no rate increase proposed for Early Intervention providers in DOH. ABCD will advocate for a 5.5% increase (\$8 million State share) with the NJ Legislature to help to create a more sustainable Early Intervention system to enable providers to continue to take on one of society's most important endeavors, preventing and minimizing permanent disability for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities.

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