



Alliance for the Betterment of
Citizens with Disabilities

Empowering People: Providers Shaping Policies

Continue Transformative Investment in Early Intervention 7.5% Increase for Early Intervention Providers in the Department of Health Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request \$10M State Share

Over the last number of years, the Murphy Administration, New Jersey Department of Health, and the New Jersey Legislature broke with tradition and provided our sector with leadership and support by affording our providers with rate increases for the first time in over a decade and a half ¹ - proving that “things do not have to be the way they are.” ²

Invest in Infants and Toddlers

EI provider agencies take on one of society's most important endeavors, minimizing and preventing permanent disability. But their ability to fulfill their mission is jeopardized whenever we fail to recognize that they are rate takers not makers, forced to make do until the inconsistent intervention of government. As in any business, our agency executives provide strategic and operational leadership, manage services, and support and guide employees. Unfortunately, our inelastic payment system means we cannot promptly respond to inflation, changes in supply and demand for services we purchase and provide or make course corrections when an unanticipated need emerges.

Government’s recent actions to provide us with resources to decrease our waiting list and expand our services to the numerous eligible yet unidentified infants and toddlers, must be an enduring commitment. The human cost to infants and toddlers who do not receive timely service is tremendous, the cost to the public purse, substantial.

Help us continue to do the job.

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¹ Early Intervention providers received an increase of 5% on July 1, 2021, 2.5% on January 1, 2022, and 7.5% on July 1, 2023.

² Grant Neufeld medium.com