



Alliance for the Betterment of
Citizens with Disabilities

Empowering People: Providers Shaping Policies

Disability Communities Virtual Press Conference on the FY'26 Budget

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ABCD Testimonial

The Murphy Administration is responsible for groundbreaking policies and resources that ensure individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and delays at every stage of life and at every level of ability can live, grow and thrive in the community.

Governor Murphy recognized that direct care is essential work, early Intervention is an essential system of service, the mental health needs of the IDD population must be addressed, and day habilitation and support coordination are crucial services. Further, that individuals must be empowered to exercise their choice and control, deserve the opportunity to work, and often require access to safety net programs. Finally, agencies which provide services and supports to this community are not immune from economic realities and challenges, and that his model of good leadership gets passed around.

Governor Murphy has been an excellent fiduciary for our state, but we ask that he not balance the budget on the backs of infants, toddlers and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and delays. Instead, we request a COLA increase for all DDD community and early intervention providers and a transportation rate which will ensure individuals access to their chose pursuit: day habilitation.

We can't lose and instead must expand the important ground we have gained by virtue of Governor Murphy's vision and leadership.