



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

Empowering People: Providers Shaping Policies

FY 2027 NJ State Budget

Inflationary Increase for Early Intervention Providers

Early Intervention provides life altering therapies to infants and toddlers, ages 0-3, with developmental delays and disabilities. The goal of this intervention is to minimize and prevent permanent disability.

Early Intervention providers receive fixed rates from DOH for the provision of their services. Because these providers are also businesses, when the government doesn't match the inflation rate with an investment of equal value, providers struggle to cover rising operational costs, retain staff, and meet the growing needs of infants, toddlers and their families for their services.

Shortages of qualified workers is a pervasive problem across health and human services. Low compensation is not the only, but it is certainly a major factor. This administration has worked hard to ensure that our workforce is well supported, trained, and compensated.

DOH must continue to support DOH staff and EI providers in this effort, so that children do not "face delays and interruptions in accessing the services they need to succeed." ¹

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¹ Ibid, page 6.