



Pennsylvania Advocates and Resources for Autism and Intellectual Disabilities

We Need You to Contact Governor Shapiro and Your Legislators

The budget negotiations are ongoing, and we need YOU and everyone you know to help our advocacy efforts. As the Governor and the Legislature continue to negotiate funding for the budget, they need to hear from constituents about the importance of the ID/A system and why investing into the rates is the only way to ensure that providers can pay their staff higher wages and attract new staff to serve more people.

We are asking for you to call the Governor's office at 717-787-2500 and say the following:

"Hello, my name is _____ I am asking that Governor Shapiro supports restoring the \$170 million that was removed from the Intellectual Disabilities-Community Waiver Line item during budget negotiations. These funds must be reinvested into the rates so that Direct Support Professionals can receive a needed pay increase. People across the State continue to go without services, requiring family members to stay home and sometimes to quit their jobs. Without an increase to the rates, more people will wait for services, and even more will be at risk of losing their services. Thank you."

In addition to calling the Governor's office, please contact your legislators by going to our [action-center](#) and filling out a [VoterVoice](#). It will only take a few minutes, and you can do it every single day!

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