Virtual Advocacy Day
August 6, 2020

Budget Crisis - Special Session

We will be starting shortly...
Zoom Webinar Tips
Virtual Advocacy Day

Presented by The Arc of Washington State
In Partnership With
Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)
The Washington State DD Council
Senator John Braun
LD 20 – Thurston, Cowlitz, Lewis & Clark Counties
Ranking Minority Member of Senate Ways and Means Committee

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Republican Deputy Leader, Senate Ways and Means Member
Nearly all DD service dollars are matched with federal Medicaid funding. Under Title XIX, Medicaid is used to match state funding for HCBS waiver services. Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) are the percentage rates used to determine the matching funds rate allocated annually to certain programs. The FMAP for FY 2019 is 50.00% state and 50.00% federal with the exception of the Community First Choice program which receives an additional 6% federal match.
Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Biennial Base Funding
Budget Allotment for FY 2020
$1.80 Billion General Funds State / $1.86 Billion General Funds Federal

Central Office - Program Support
$5.6 0%

Consolidated Maintenance and Operations
$24.9 1%

Other Community & Professional Services
$34.1 2%

State Operated Community Residential
$62.8 3%

Field Services
$107.9 6%

RHC
$226.2 13%

In-Home Services and Supports
$659.6 37%

Community Residential
$682.6 38%

June 2020 Statistics
⇒ 120,000 people estimated in Washington State with a developmental disability
⇒ 49,450 clients enrolled with the Developmental Disabilities Administration
⇒ 35,476 of those clients receive at least one paid service from DDA
⇒ **13,974** of those clients receive No Paid Services from DDA
⇒ 35,734 clients live with family or in own home
⇒ 13,165 clients live in community residential
⇒ **551** Long-term residents in RHCs
⇒ **67** residents ready to leave RHCs, but no community placement available
DDA Proposed Cuts

• Reduce the number of clients eligible by changing eligibility;
• Cut people from the 5 Home & Community Based Services Waivers, don’t allow new placements;
• Reduce respite hours for eligible clients. No new children’s enhanced respite beds and crisis stabilization for children;
• Cut 1.8% supported living rate increase from 2020 session;
• Cut rates and staff to transition clients from hospitals;
• 5% rate reduction for Individual and Group Supported employment;
DDA Proposed Cuts (Continued)

Residential Habilitation Centers (RHC):
- Close Rainier, keep State Operated Living Alternatives (SOLA) to move residents into;
- Fircrest: eliminate client wages, close 1 cottage, and reduce staff;
- Lakeland Village: Consolidate 1 cottage, reduce staff, eliminate therapy services;
- Yakima Valley: Consolidate 2 cottages, reduce staff.

Health Care Authority (HCA):
- Optional Services: Physicals, Dental, Therapies, Interpreter Services
- Dentist link for Medicaid Patients

Aging & Long Term Services Administration (ALTSA):
- Eligibility changes
- Eliminate Adult Day Health & Adult Day Care
- Eliminate Meaningful Day Programs in Residential

Department of Health (DOH):
- Neurodevelopmental Centers (Boyer and other Birth to 3 providers)
Constituents Share

Legislative District 20 Parent: Victoria Romero

Legislative District 20 Self-advocate: Clyde Beer/Jill Moss

Legislative District 8 Parent: Sandy Faulds

Legislative District 8 Self-advocates: Anthony Nash/Teresa Payne
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Legislators Respond
What Can You Do Now?

• Join an advocacy group:
  ➢ Chapters of The Arc: (www.arcwa.org/connections/chapters)
  ➢ Self Advocates in Leadership (www.selfadvocatesinleadership.com)
  ➢ Parent Coalitions (www.arcwa.org/connections/parent-coalitions)
  ➢ Parent to Parent (www.arcwa.org/parent-to-parent)

• Join The Arc of WA Action Center www.arcwa.org/action-center/

• Respond to The Arc’s Action Alert at www.arcwa.org/action-center/

• Sign the Petition to Stop Dire Cuts at www.arcwa.org/action-center/

• Use the Developmental Disabilities Council’s Advocacy Toolkit HERE

• Know your legislative district: https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/

• Email your Legislators: (FirstName) . (Last Name) @leg.wa.gov

• Post concerns and links on Social Media
The Arc of Washington State

**ACTIONS CENTER**

Advocating For and Beside People With
Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)

*Thank you for your interest in advocating for children and adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities! The Arc of Washington's Action Center is here to make advocacy easy for you. We will not overwhelm you with emails. When action is needed, you will get an Action Alert notification with a brief summary of the issue and easy-to-follow instruction to share your perspective. We greatly appreciate you each time you take action.*
Individually with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD), their families, and direct support professionals (DSP) who work with them need to be included in HR 6800, the HEROES Act (Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act). Contact our Senators Today! #WeAreEssential
### Social Media

- Hashtags to use:
  - #CutsCauseCrisis
  - #NoServicesNoLife
  - #IVoteDD
  - #ThereIsNoPlanB

- Videos to share (more to come):
  - Bill & Corinna
  - Sandra

- Images to use on social media posts:
  - ![CutsCauseCrisis](image)
  - ![IVoteDD](image)

- Example Facebook posts:
  - Example 1
  - Example 2

- Click here for more examples of messages and social media posts

### Messaging

- **Example talking points** - Speak plainly
  - If I don't have help, I cannot eat.
  - If I don't have help, I cannot change my clothes.
  - If I don't have help, I cannot shower.
  - If I don't have help, I cannot use the toilet or get my catheter bag emptied.
  - If my son/daughter does not have help, I will have to quit my job to care for them.
  - I am physically/emotionally/financially unable to care for my child on my own. If critical supports are cut, there is no plan B.

- **Who and where to share your message**:
  - Community meetings
  - Social media
  - Talk with your friends, family, neighbors, and others
  - Governor and [Legislature](#)

### Outreach Templates

- **Email**
  - Email template for parent
  - Email template for parent
  - Email for advocate (who does not receive services) to legislator
  - Email template for Advocate Who Receives Services
  - Email for advocate to friend/family

- **Phone**
  - Phone call script for advocate
  - Phone call script for parent

### Developmental Disabilities Budget Crisis Advocacy Toolkit

If you have any questions about this toolkit or need support, please contact Adrienne Stuart: adrienne.stuart@ddc.wa.gov

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Letters/supporting documents:

- Directive from OFM (5/13)
- Budget Values Letter (6/1)
- Memo from Evelyn Perez (DDA) (6/5)
- Memo from ALTSA
- OFM Budget Savings Options (6/8)

Sign a Petition
Email Address Example:
Brad.Hawkins@leg.wa.gov
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Change is made by those who show up, 
Even by Zoom!

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