



Please Support Disability Services in FY'11 Budget

The Needs

Please support these core services by adding the following to the Governor's Budget:

<u>Line Item</u>		<u>Additional \$ Needed</u>	<u>Total Needed for Line Item</u>
Community Programs	5911-2000	\$8,900,000	\$188,947,396 or specific line items:
Day/Employment	5920-2025	\$7,400,000	\$127,288,888
Family Services	5920-3000	\$1,500,000	\$48,021,184
Residential/State Ops	5920-2000	\$22,200,000	\$867,928,240 or specific line items:
Comm. Resid.	5920-2000	\$17,300,000	\$714,980,652
State-Operated	5920-2010	\$4,900,000	\$149,459,478

DDS Turning 22 5920-5000

Turning 22 line-item needs the following language: "provided that no more than \$17.6 million will be spent for these services in 2012" (628 students needed T22 services in 2010 while 636 students are projected for 2011)

DESE-DDS Program 7061-0012

This DDS Education program needs \$4,000,000 in additional funds (line-item was once \$10 Million), which must be done through line-item language that states: "provided that no less than \$6million shall be made available to the department of developmental services for the voluntary residential placement prevention program administered by that department."

Other Line-Items:

MRC 4120-5000, home care requires \$1.5 Million (now in 4120-1000)

MRC 4120-3000, employment needs \$535,000 (now in 4120-1000)

Early Intervention in Dept. of Public Health, is short \$2 Million in account and requires cost sharing/savings of \$8 Million (now in 4512-1020).

Salary Reserve Needs \$28,000,000 for DSP Wage increase. Direct Support Professionals continue to earn far below a living wage (\$11.58 for one adult in Mass.) and are scheduled to have no salary increase for the third consecutive year.

The Cuts

The Governor's House 2 DDS budget includes over \$49 Million in reductions from FY10 including annualizing 9C cuts & savings:

- **1,000 more families** will lose family support
- **450 individuals** will lose day or work programs and **600** will lose transportation
- **275 to 300 people** will lose residential services
- **\$9 million in savings** from state facilities that could have absorbed some cuts are not going to DDS
- **1400 people** at MRC will be hurt by homemaker cuts and **30** others will lose work support
- **Hundreds of children** will be deemed ineligible for Early Intervention services
- **Low-wage Direct Support Professionals** make far below a living wage and will enter a third year without a pay increase



The Background

- Funding for people with disabilities in Massachusetts has lagged behind the national average the last 6 years. (From 2004 to 2006, the country as a whole grew 3 percent while Mass. fell 2.8 percent).
- Now, over the past two years, the drop-off has been precipitous.
- Last year's FY10 DDS budget was lower than FY2001 when adjusted for inflation.
- Now, the Governor's proposed FY11 budget includes more than \$100 million of cuts (8.3 percent) off the budget from two years ago.
- Such erosion simply cannot be withstood by the 33,000 individuals and families with disabilities receiving services through the Department of Developmental Services, not to mention the many thousands more getting services through Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) and other disability agencies.

The Personal Impact

- Over 600 students turn 22 each year thereby losing special education funding. As adults, many of whom continue to be supported by family, they get little funding for work, day or in-home supports. Fewer than 200 get any type of residential help or housing; of those, 25-30%, are wards of the state at constant risk of ending up in a shelter.
- Funding for essential Employment and Transportation services continues to decline due to more than a decade of inflation
- Critical in-home supports for families will be lost, escalating risks to families and costs for state

Revenue

In 2009, DDS had \$582.9M in revenue (\$390M Waiver, some one time \$\$). The FY10 estimate revenue will be \$482M of which \$330M is waiver and the rest for Case Management, Title XIX, Charges for Care and miscellaneous.