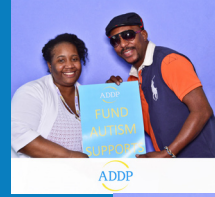




LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ASK FY' 18

Fulfilling the Promise of Inclusion and Employment



Line Item 5920-2025 DDS Day and Employment

Day and Employment programs are essential in promoting community integration. People with I/DD want to work but face high rates of under and unemployment. Earning wages gives each individual a sense of dignity and self-sufficiency. In the last two years, the Commonwealth has closed sheltered workshops promising to help people find jobs in the community; however, this effort has been harmed by cuts in employment funding.

ADDP supports the Governor's House One Budget Recommendation funding this program at \$205 Million.

Line Item 5920-5000 DDS Turning 22

In 2017, over 940 students will be graduating from special education schools and moving into the adult disability system. These individuals will need planning supports to successfully transition into a variety of services, such as residential, employment and family support services.

ADDP supports the Governor's House One Budget Recommendation funding this program at \$24 Million. This appropriation is historic in meeting the needs of the entire Special Education Turning 22 graduating class.

Line Item 5920-2000 DDS Residential

The Governor and Legislature have strengthened community Residential programs through Chapter 257. Services are also being diversified with Shared Living opportunities to enhance consumer choice.

ADDP supports the Governor's House One Budget Recommendation funding this program at \$1.1 Billion, estimated to keep all current residents and expected additional individuals in service, while continuing to support group home, independent living, and shared living choices.

Line Item 5920-3020 Adult Autism (Omnibus) Services

Every day more and more people with autism are seeking services from DDS.

ADDP commends the Governor for recommending \$13,403,338 and requests an additional \$1 Million for this account to be funded at \$14,403,338.

Line Item 4120-6000 MRC Head Injury Treatment Services

Each year in Massachusetts over 100,000 individuals sustain an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI).

ADDP supports the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts (BIA-MA) in requesting an additional \$2 Million for this program to be funded at \$17,898,807.

Line Item 5920-3000 DDS Respite and Family Support

State spending for Family Support and Respite Services is the most cost-effective expenditure in DDS, keeping families whole and delaying out-of-home placements.

ADDP recommends an additional \$2 Million to this level-funded program to be funded in FY 18 at \$65,779,097.



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