



2022-2023 Budget Priorities for People with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

- **Enact the 5.4% Human Services COLA**
- **Workforce Investments**
 - Amend frontline worker bonuses to 15 hours for PT and 35 hours for FT
 - Include DSP salaries in all discussions regarding wage increases
- **Establish a Direct Care Staff Personal Income Tax Credit (S.7643/A.9200)**
- **Nurses Across New York Tuition Loan Forgiveness Program**
 - Specify OPWDD and OMH funded places of employment as eligible workplaces
- **Capital Funding**
 - Accept the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program
 - Amend SHCFTP to include I/DD community-based providers
- **Recruitment and Retention** – Include direct care staff workforce initiatives to professionalize and create a pipeline
- **Residential Services** – Ensure that timely person-centered opportunities are available
- **Employment** – Maximize flexibility of employment initiatives to utilize provider expertise

STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

- **Make it Possible for Schools to Keep the Proposed 11% Increase**
 - Discontinue rate reconciliation, adjust the cost screens and implement Interim Plus rates
- **Develop a new tuition rate methodology with stakeholder input**
- **Establish a 4410 reserve fund similar to other schools**
- **Include 4410 and 853 schools in teacher pipeline initiatives**
- **Increase ACCES-VR Adult Extended funding by \$10 million**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- **Repeal MRT #26 – Article 16 Clinics** – Repeal MRT #26 that discriminates against those with complex disabilities
- **Early Intervention** – Include an 11% rate increase