

Invest in New Yorkers With Disabilities

Invest in the services and staff they rely on

Decades of inadequate funding left nonprofit provider agencies struggling to pay fair wages, maintain facilities, cover rising costs, and provide quality support for New Yorkers with disabilities.

Recent investment by the state made progress toward addressing this crisis and stabilizing the system of care, but without sustained investment, that progress will be lost.



New Yorkers With Disabilities Need Your Support for a 4% TARGETED INFLATIONARY INCREASE



To sustain services, funding must keep pace with inflation. To sustain progress, the full 4% inflationary increase must be included in the final enacted budget.

Investment Works!

Recent investments have begun to stabilize our care system, revitalize supports, and increase staff wages.

Most providers used this funding to increase staff wages. **As direct care pay increases, staffing improves.**

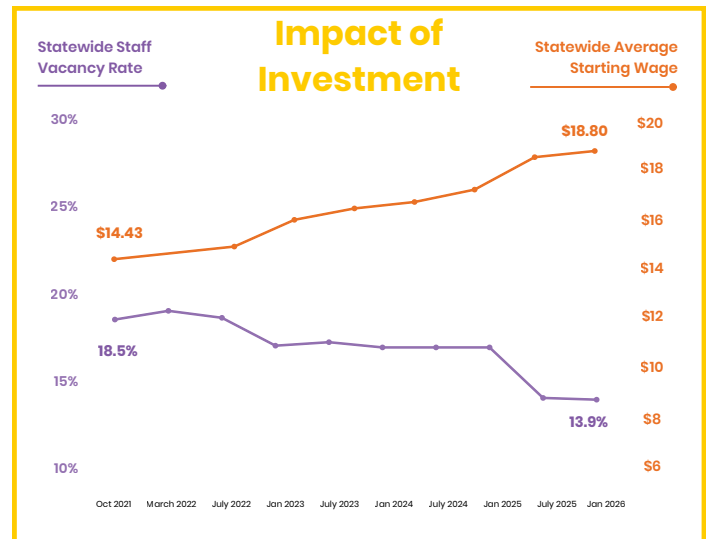
Investment in services for New Yorkers with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities still lags behind inflation over the past 5 years alone.

Further investment is needed just to cover inflation.

Inadequate investment drives staffing shortages, creates inequity for direct care staff, and reduces access to critical services and support for New Yorkers with disabilities.

Investment has finally made progress.

To sustain that progress, investment MUST be ongoing.



4% Inflationary Increase

A 4% Targeted Inflationary Increase (TII) will adjust Medicaid funding for inflation, and make progress toward a strong and sustainable system of support.

Why is it needed?

- If Medicaid rates don't cover rising costs, providers can't sustain services, pay fair wages, maintain facilities, or ensure quality care.
- Basic costs have increased **almost 25% since 2020**. Last year, inflation drove up basic costs by 2.7%.
- Despite recent investments, funding for the state's system of support for New Yorkers with disabilities consistently falls short of covering inflation.
- A 2.7% increase is the BARE MINIMUM required to keep our system from slipping backward.
- **A 4% increase will cover inflation over the past year and continue the progress New York has made to strengthen our system of care.**

Where do State Leaders stand today?

Governor Hochul only included a 1.7% increase in her executive budget proposal – not even enough to maintain the status quo.

The legislature recognized **the bare minimum is not enough**, and included a 4% increase in BOTH one-house budgets

For their commitment to be meaningful, the full 4% increase must be NON-NEGOTIABLE in the final budget.

INVEST IN NEW YORKERS WITH DISABILITIES

INVEST IN STAFF

INVEST IN FAMILIES

INVEST IN DIGNITY

INVEST IN EQUITY!



FUND THE FULL CARE SYSTEM

4%

The full spectrum of support includes:

- food
- transportation
- wages and benefits
- utilities
- home maintenance technology
- medical supplies, and more.

We

MATTER!