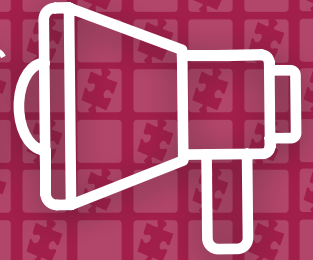




Quality Services for the Autism Community
Serving New York City and Long Island

A PARENT'S
GUIDE TO
ADVOCACY



READY TO MAKE YOUR FIRST CALL OR SEND YOUR FIRST EMAIL?

A Step-by-Step Guide to Contacting Your Elected Officials

You can use this step-by-step guide to call and/or email your elected officials regarding funding for the services that are important to you and your family.

Dear/Hello _____
NAME OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL

My name is _____ and my son/daughter has an autism spectrum disorder and attends
YOUR NAME

_____ where s/he receives the following services: _____. These services have
ORGANIZATION'S NAME LIST OF SERVICES YOUR CHILD RECEIVES

made a significant difference in the life of my child and thousands of other children throughout New York State. I hope we can count on your support for these important services for individuals with disabilities.

INTRODUCTION

FOR SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

In light of this, I hope you will support an additional \$14.7 million for special education schools, 853 and 4410 programs, to narrow the teacher compensation gap. As a parent, I'm also asking you to support a 4% tuition increase for 4410 and 853 schools, which would ensure my child receives the same increase a general education student receives. Thirdly, we would ask that you move to authorize interim plus rates for 4410 and 853 special education schools as NYSED has significantly delayed approving rates in recent years. Fourth, support inclusive educational opportunities for preschool students with disabilities by setting aside UPK seats for 4410 providers who operate or want to operate Special Class Integrated Setting (SCIS) classes. Lastly, we are requesting a 4% increase on Early Intervention rates.

THE BODY AND TALKING POINTS

FOR OPWDD AND ADULT PROGRAMS

In light of this, I hope you will support an additional \$18.25 million to accelerate the move to a living wage for Direct Support Professionals—these professionals are key to my child's success. As a concerned parent, I'm also advocating for the need to assess, plan for, and provide residential opportunities for families concerned about their child's future. We are requesting \$14.7 million (state share) for 459 more certified residential placements, or \$59 million when fully annualized and including state and federal funds. Thirdly, we want to ensure Medicaid reimbursement for telehealth/telemedicine in OPWDD Day and Residential services. Lastly, we are requesting a Medicaid Trend beginning with the FY2020 budget, specifically the same Trend being implemented for state-operated OPWDD services.

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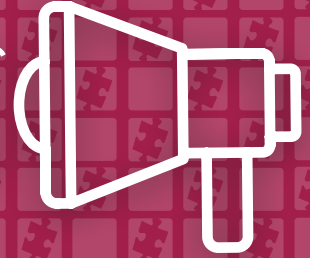
Thank you for your time and consideration. As a concerned parent, I hope that you will address these concerns by advocating for a budget that is person-centered and supports my children in realizing their full potential. Our state made a promise to children with special needs—a promise that it must continue to live up to.

Sincerely,
[YOUR NAME]



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WHERE DO I START?

As a parent, there are many ways for you to advocate for your child with autism and the programs that make a difference in his/her life. Here are a few easy ways to communicate with your elected officials:



CALL
THEIR OFFICES



WRITE
LETTERS AND SEND EMAILS



INTERACT
ON SOCIAL MEDIA



ATTEND
COMMUNITY EVENTS

Below is the contact information for state officials who represent New York City and Long Island. By contacting your elected officials, telling your story, and asking for their support, you can help to amplify the voice of your child and ensure that all of your family members services receive the funding they need.



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