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LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

$5,000,000 – Family Infant Toddler Program
$5,000,000 – Developmental Disability State General Fund Program
$5,000,000 – Developmental Disability Medicaid Waiver Program

FAMILY INFANT TODDLER - $5,000,000 Request
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY STATE GENERAL FUND
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY MEDICAID WAIVER

The Association of Developmental Disabilities Community Providers (ADDCP) is a state wide organization of community based agencies that offer an array of quality, core service options to children, with or at risk of developmental delays and disabilities, and children and adults with developmental disabilities.

As the Department of Health has implemented changes to service systems, we have attempted to work collaboratively with them and the Legislature to address the need for adequate funding for developmental delay and disability services.

Provider agencies are currently working under **"SURVIVAL MODE"** conditions due to rate cuts and/or the lack of adequate, predictable, annual rate increases that are necessary to the continued provision of quality services.

ADDCP Members firmly believe that the developmental delay and disability service systems are **UNSUSTAINABLE** due to constantly increasing unfunded mandates, high expectations and the lack of sustainable rate increases throughout the years.

* Provider agencies continue to suffer due to increased operating costs, expectations and demands;
* Service systems are becoming more complex and expensive to maintain due to increased rules, regulations and unfunded mandates;
* Many agencies have reduced staffing levels through lay-offs and/or by not filling vacant positions;
* Staff salaries and benefits are not competitive, leading to difficulties in retaining and recruiting willing, caring and qualified employees;
* ADDCP continues to advocate for "living wages" for staff, but providers are further burdened by mandated increases in minimum wages that are not funded.

We ask that the Department of Health and the Legislature:
* RECOGNIZE that current rates do not cover the costs of services, mandates and expectations;
* RECOGNIZE that staff salaries and benefits are inadequately funded to maintain and recruit a high caliber work force;
* REDUCE THE BURDEN through revisions in regulations, service standards and expectations;
* ADVOCATE with persons receiving services, staff and provider agencies in communities throughout New Mexico for annual cost of living increases;
*** REIMBURSE RATES that truly meet operations and compliance costs that are necessary to sustain developmental delay and disability service systems.**