



MARYLAND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COALITION

Dedicated to the rights and quality of life for people with developmental disabilities in Maryland

Maryland Developmental Disabilities Coalition Commends Maryland's FY25 DDA Funding Restoration; Continues Advocacy for FY26 Funding Restoration

Annapolis, MD – We are grateful to the joint leadership of Governor Wes Moore and budget leaders in the Maryland General Assembly, Senator Guy Guzzone and Delegate Ben Barnes, for acknowledging the significant impact that the FY25 Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) budget cuts would have had on people with disabilities, their families, and community providers.

It's important to note that the proposed budget included budget cuts for both FY25 – the current fiscal year - and FY26. We commend their leadership in developing a plan to avoid the proposed cuts in FY25. The proposed budget cut of \$457 million in FY26 remains a hurdle that must be overcome for developmental disability services to remain viable.

“This is a crucial first step to ensure that Marylanders with DD continue to have access to the vital services and supports they need to thrive”, said Ande Kolp of The Arc Maryland.

“Their decision today will provide short-term stability, allowing the DD coalition to continue our collaborative efforts with state leaders to restore funding for the FY26 DDA budget. We remain committed to partnering as we advocate for sustainable, long-term solutions”, said Laura Howell of the Maryland Association of Community Services.

“We appreciate engaging with Governor Moore, his team, and the budget leadership in the General Assembly to find solutions. We will continue to move forward together so Marylanders with DD and their families live the lives they want”, said Rachel London of the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council.

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The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Coalition includes The Arc Maryland, Disability Rights Maryland, Maryland Association of Community Services (MACS), Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council, and People on the Go Maryland.