

***The Community Provider Rescue Fund:
to Support Essential Services and Protect the People We Serve***

Community providers deliver vital human services to over 500,000 individuals with disabilities and other significant challenges across Connecticut.

- Community providers have struggled for decades with funding that falls far short of meeting the costs of services. In FY09 community providers received no increase in funding to cover these rising costs.
- Providers have taken the difficult steps of closing programs, reducing service hours, eliminating staff positions and delaying needed capital improvements.
- In difficult economic times, demand for the services provided by the community provider system increase.
- Our services are a key component of the “core mission” of state government and we provide those services in an efficient and effective manner.
- Fully funding the Community Provider System can save the state money in the long-term by preventing many of our clients from needing higher and more costly levels of care from emergency rooms, through prolonged hospitalizations or ending up in the criminal justice system.
- Many community provider services are federally reimbursed, creating significant state cost savings for vital services. There are opportunities to further expand federal reimbursement for community services.
- Investing in the Community Provider System is both good public policy and good fiscal policy.

We are seeking your help in assuring that these vital services continue to be available to Connecticut residents. Please support the Community Provider Rescue Fund, to support essential services and protect the people we serve.

The Community Provider Rescue Fund includes:

1. Providing for consistent and adequate funding to meet the immediate Cost of Services (COS) through annual funding increases that match the rate of inflation for medical services. This equates to \$70M in each year of the biennium.
2. Creation of a Community Provider Capital Improvement Fund of \$30M per year to address infrastructure needs.
3. Elimination of Unfunded State Mandates on community providers and administrative rule changes that reduce costs and improve efficiencies.

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