



2010 CCPA Legislative Agenda

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Our overriding legislative priority is for consistent and appropriate funding for community-based human service providers *to support essential and cost-effective services and protect the people we serve*. During difficult economic times community providers are part of the solution to the state's fiscal challenges. Our legislative agenda is focused on ensuring the viability of the safety net of the community provider system.

CCPA Legislative Priorities

1. Funding to meet basic current services and maintain the safety net. Given recent funding cuts, cost increases and rising demand, this equates to \$50M in the second year of the biennium. We need consistent and adequate funding for grants, contracts and rates including Medicaid and SAGA to meet the immediate Costs of Services (COS) and increased demands so that community providers can continue to deliver quality human services to 500,000 people in need.
2. Development of a long-term strategy to provide for consistent and adequate funding so that the community provider system can remain the efficient way of addressing the vital health and human service needs of Connecticut residents.
3. Expanding community provider services as alternatives to more costly and restrictive systems of care including institutional care, emergency rooms, inpatient hospital stays and the Correction and Judicial systems.
4. Elimination of costly unfunded state mandates and administrative rule changes that reduce costs and improve efficiencies. We support:
 - ❖ purchase of service reform
 - ❖ development of consistent standards across state agencies
 - ❖ a focus on results-based accountability
5. Assuring that Medicaid redesign is done in a way that maintains the stability of the provider system.
6. Maximizing Federal funding opportunities so that the system can continue to meet growing needs.
7. Supporting employment opportunities for people with disabilities by ensuring a strong and stable Preferred Purchasing Program.

The Connecticut Community Providers Association represents organizations that provide services and supports for people with disabilities and significant needs including children and adults with substance use disorders, mental illness, developmental, and physical disabilities.

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