



## CCPA Legislative Priorities 2012 Modernizing the Safety Net

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

Community providers deliver quality health and human services to 500,000 of Connecticut's residents each year. *We are Connecticut's safety net.*



### **Community Provider Infrastructure/ Fiscal Stability**

- Support a reliable, sustainable funding system that recognizes the cost of services and the cost of doing business.
- Support the provision of cost effective services.
- Support consistent purchasing and accountability standards across state agencies.
- Eliminate unfunded mandates and duplicative administrative rules.
- Amend state licensing provisions to create uniform state licensing protocols and authorize deemed status with national accreditation in lieu of state licensing.
- Support acquisition, upgrade and maintenance of information technology.
- Implement revenue retention for Purchase of Service contracts to reinvest in safety net services.

### **Managing the Storms/ Ensuring Health and Safety**

- Expand access to permanent standby generators.
- Assure access to essential supplies such as gasoline, propane, food, healthcare supplies.
- Ensure that community providers are integrated into municipal and utility emergency planning.
- Ensure that community providers are compensated for their storm-related relocation expenses.

### **Community-based Services and Supports**

- Support services provided in community-based settings as alternatives to more costly and restrictive systems of care including institutional care, emergency room, inpatient hospital stays and the penal system.
- Support the use of quality measures such as Results Based Accountability, Evidence Based Practices and other proven and promising practices to assure accountability and to measure outcomes and program effectiveness.
- Maximize employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

### **Federal Revenue Maximization**

- Maximize federal revenue to support safety net services.

**We would be pleased to speak with you about our legislative priorities. Please contact Terry Edelstein, President/CEO at [tedelstein@ccpa-inc.org](mailto:tedelstein@ccpa-inc.org)**

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