

Malloy meets with Connecticut community providers

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Dan Malloy, the Democratic Party's endorsed candidate for Governor, yesterday met with members of the Connecticut Community Providers Association (CCPA). The CCPA represents organizations that provide services and support for people with disabilities, including people with addictions, mental illness, developmental and physical disabilities.

"Connecticut's community providers play a vital role in protecting our state's most vulnerable citizens, including children, seniors, and others with developmental disabilities, mental illness, substance abuse problems, and much more," said Malloy. "These organizations are relied upon by thousands of Connecticut residents, and the fact that they also save our taxpayers money is an added benefit. As Governor, I look forward to partnering with and supporting the CCPA and its member organizations."

Last year, while still exploring a run for Governor, Malloy unveiled his "Helping Those Who Help" plan for non-profit community providers. The plan laid out three key reforms that Malloy believes would have begun putting Connecticut on a path toward a more sustainable community provider network. Details of the plan can be viewed at: <http://danmalloy.com/blogs/dan-malloy/helping-those-who-help-a-plan-for-non-pr>.

"We are pleased to have this opportunity to talk with Dan Malloy about the value of the community provider system," said Alyssa Goduti, Vice President for Public Policy, CCPA. "Community providers are an essential part of healthcare in Connecticut and part of the solution to our on-going fiscal problems. We are hoping that the next governor recognizes this and is willing to work with us to end the policy of balancing the budget by underfunding community-based human services. We look forward to continuing this important dialogue."

Malloy said his time as Mayor of Stamford gave him a strong appreciation for the services CCPA organizations provide for the state.

"I know something about the issues facing the CCPA, because as the Mayor of Stamford I've seen first-hand the mounting challenges that our city's local community providers faced," continued Malloy. "In Stamford we did everything possible to help them bridge the gap, including assuring in each city budget that their funding is raised commensurate with the increase of spending in all other city departments – a promise that has, unfortunately, not been matched on the state level."

As the Democratic Party's endorsed candidate for Governor, Malloy has travelled the state sharing his ideas for moving Connecticut forward. To date, his campaign has been endorsed by more than 50 Democratic Town Committees, more than 50 DTC Chairs, more than 100 elected officials and community leaders, and numerous labor organizations which combined represent tens of thousands of active and retired workers throughout the state. The campaign also has the support of more than 4,000 individual contributors who helped Malloy become the first gubernatorial candidate to qualify for the Citizens' Elections Program, giving him access to up to \$8.5M for his campaign.

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