

What You Can Do to Save ICFs & Facility-Based Day Programs

The Ohio House of Representatives is considering Executive Budget Proposals which will make it difficult for Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) homes to cover their costs and to operate. Some ICFs will have to eliminate beds and others will be forced to close. The budget also calls for the elimination of facility-based day services and workshops. Please contact the Ohio House of Representatives and tell them to remove these harmful proposals from the Executive Budget. ***Here's how you can help!!***

1. **Gather signatures on the DAA petition.** Go to www.DisabilityAdvocacyAlliance.org and print as many copies of the petition as you need. Ask your friends and family to sign. Return by mail to address listed on the petition.

2. **Call your State Representative and State Senator.** Find your legislators at the "Member Search" on the middle left of the home pages at www.ohiohouse.gov and www.ohiosenate.gov.

Ohio House Phone List: <http://www.ohiohouse.gov/members/member-by-county>

Ohio Senate Phone List: <http://www.ohiosenate.gov/members/senate-directory>

3. **Contact the members of the House Finance Subcommittee on Health and Human Services.** The Subcommittee can recommend to remove policies harmful to ICFs and facility-based programs from the Executive Budget. Contact the committee by phone and by email by sending a pre-formatted **Alert Letter** at the link [HERE](#).

Find link to **Alert Letter** on the yellow "Take Action" box at www.DisabilityAdvocacyAlliance.org.

Call the Health and Human Services Subcommittee Members:

- Chairman Robert Sprague 614-466-3819
- Ranking Member Emilia Sykes 614-466-3100
- Representative Barbara Sears 614-466-1731
- Representative Nickie Antonio 614-466-5921
- Representative Mark Romanchuk 614-466-5802

Also call:

- Senator Ryan Smith, Chairman of the House Finance Committee 614-466-1366
- Senator Scott Oelslager, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee 614-466-0626
- Senator Dave Burke, Chairman of the Senate Medicaid Committee 614-466-8049

4. **Provide oral and written testimony to the Health and Human Services Subcommittee.** Tell the committee why your loved one depends upon their ICF home and facility-based program.

Days dedicated for developmental disability testimony: March 10 & March 17

Testimony will also be taken on: March 12, 13, 18, & 19

Testimony must be emailed to the committee no later than 24 hours in advance at financesubhealth&humanservicescommittee@ohiohouse.gov.

Questions should be directed to Representative Robert Sprague's office 614-466-3819.

Show your support for ICFs, facility-based day services and workshops by packing the hearing rooms on March 10 and 17. Stand up for individuals with developmental disabilities who need our support!

Find more information at www.DisabilityAdvocacyAlliance.org or email us at info@DisabilityAdvocacyAlliance.org.