

We Need A Waiver Rate Increase!

Senate Leadership Needs To Hear From Us Now!

We are at a critical point in our journey. We're narrowing our focus and asking again for your help.

It does make a difference!

We are asking the Senate for additional monies for a developmental disabilities waiver rate increase!

On the following page you will find Senate President Keith Faber, President Pro Tempore Chris Widener and Senate Finance Chair Scott Oelslager's contact information.

Please make a phone call, send a letter or an email to each of them to express the importance of a waiver rate increase. Also consider asking your Board members, staff, and even interested family members to make those contacts as well!

Step 1: Identify yourself, your agency and title (or your relationship to the agency such as board member, parent, DSP, sibling, etc.).

Step 2: Use this sample script:

"I am contacting you to request that Senator (Name) please support a provider rate increase for the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Home and Community Based Waiver in the current budget".

Step 3: Talking points for your conversation or email:

- The rate paid to providers has not increased since 2005
- The developmental disabilities waiver program is currently underfunded by \$82 Million
- Because of this turnover rates for staff providing direct care exceed 42% per year
- The waiver is under increasing pressure because of demand for service (waiting lists) and the realignment and transition of an entire DD system towards waiver services

Step 4: If there are questions you can't answer, please let them know you are working through your provider association, OPRA, and refer them to Jeff Davis at jdavis@opra.org or 614.579.9957.

Thank you for your efforts!!



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**Contact Senator
Faber**

614.466.7584

Senate President
Keith Faber District 12



**Contact Senator
Widener**

614.466.3780

President Pro Tempore
Chris Widener District 10



**Contact Senator
Oelslager**

614.466.0626

Senate Finance Chair
Scott Oelslager District 29

**It's never
been more
important!**

**Contact
Senators
Faber,
Widener and
Oelslager to
encourage
them to
support a
waiver rate
increase!**



Contact Your Representative

Senate District Map

To find your district and the Senator who represents you, refer to the map below.



Thank you for taking the time to contact Ohio's key Senate leaders in an effort to make sure that they are aware of the support needed for the Waiver Rate Increase Issue! Your voice matters! Please call or email them today!



THE TIME IS NOW!!!

**Contact these key
Senators today!!!**

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For more information, contact OPRA Director of Government Affairs,
Jeff Davis at jdavis@opra.org or 614.224.6772

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