

**Objections to State of Ohio Budget Proposals Regarding Closures of Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ICFs/IID) and Facility-based Day Services and Workshops**

We are Ohio citizens, including parents and guardians of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), who believe that these individuals, surely among Ohio’s most vulnerable, deserve the dignity and respect of safe, compassionate and cost-effective care offered in settings of their **choice** as called for by the U.S. Supreme Court in the Olmstead decision.

- We strongly object to proposals that would “close the front door on large ICFs” and “divert ICF admissions.” These proposals deny and directly interfere with the ability of persons with I/DD to remain in their **chosen** ICF/IID homes or to **choose** an ICF/IID home as appropriate to their individual needs and to receive levels of services which currently safeguard their health and welfare and enrich their lives.
- We further object to proposals to close facility-based day services and workshops that provide individuals with I/DD secure and productive opportunities to fulfill their days in their **chosen** settings as appropriate to their individual needs and which directly benefit their health and well-being.
- The elimination of ICF/IID beds will result in the loss to the State of Ohio of federal funding which pays for room and board and nursing care for ICF/IID residents. **This loss in federal funding is significant and will jeopardize the health and safety** of fragile Ohioans removed from their **chosen** ICF/IID homes. This loss in federal funding will also significantly **increase the financial pressure on waiver services**, putting the entire Department of Developmental Disabilities service system at risk.
- We reject as discriminatory and stigmatizing the notion that specialized settings designed and **chosen** to meet the unique and often acute needs of individuals with I/DD should be disparaged as segregated and less valuable than settings designed primarily for individuals without disabilities.

By signing this petition, we ask Disability Advocacy Alliance (DAA) to communicate our objections to the Ohio Assembly, Governor Kasich, the Governor’s Office of Health Transformation, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid. We trust that our appeal will be reflected in funding decisions supporting Ohio’s most vulnerable citizens.

**Return petition by March 10th to:** Disability Advocacy Alliance  
P.O. Box 21023  
Columbus, Ohio 43221

**DAA can be contacted at:** info@DisabilityAdvocacyAlliance.org

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