

We need your help to contact California legislators



Exceptional Children's Foundation

Dear Friends,

We need your help today in contacting legislators to ensure appropriate funding for services that support individuals with developmental disabilities. See below for names and phone numbers of 12 representatives you can call today!

Over the years, service providers for individuals with developmental disabilities have been underfunded, and many are at risk of losing the ability to continue to provide quality services. In fact, some may need to significantly reduce services or even close their doors because they cannot meet their operational expenses.

The Lanterman Coalition, which consists of 19 stakeholders in California's community-based developmental services system who are committed to the preservation of community services for individuals with developmental disabilities, proposed a 10% increase in funding rates for services provided to people with developmental disabilities.

This week, Governor Brown released his revised budget but did not include the Lanterman Coalition's budget request. Therefore, your action is urgently needed.

Speak up for individuals with developmental disabilities. Tell California's legislators that community services, such as ECF, provide important programs so that individuals with developmental disabilities can develop independence skills and lead more fulfilling lives.

Between NOW and 5 PM Wednesday, May 20th, we need you to call, Tweet, and send Facebook messages to key legislative leaders and tell them to support the Lanterman Coalition's budget position. Our system's continued existence is on the line. If we can't convince them, we all face another year of grievously inadequate funding. That means more programs will close. And the threat to the lives of people with developmental disabilities will loom even larger.

[Click here](#) for simple steps on how you can say that our system is facing an outrageous crisis, all in a 30-second phone call. We've also included the names of key legislators, their party affiliation, and their phone numbers below.

Share this message on Twitter and Facebook:

Join ECF in supporting people w/developmental disabilities! Call these legislators now! http://ctt.ec/U_a3W+ #KeepThePromise

Thank you for speaking up.

Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1: Health and Human Services

Tony Thurmond (Chair) (D) (916) 319-2015

Rob Bonta (D) (916) 319-2018
David Chiu (D) (916) 319-2017
Shannon L. Grove (R) (916) 319-2034
Brian W. Jones (R) (916) 319-2071

Budget Subcommittee #3: Health and Human Services

Sen. Holly J. Mitchell (Chair) (D) (916) 651-4030
Sen. Bill Monning (Vice Chair) (D) (916) 651-4017
Sen. Jeff Stone (R) (916) 651-4028

Leadership

Kevin de Leon, Senate President Pro Tem (D) (916) 651-4024
Mark Leno, Senate Budget Chair (D) (916) 651-4011
Toni G. Atkins, Assembly Speaker (D) (916) 319-2078
Shirley N. Weber, Assembly Budget Chair (D) (916) 319-2079

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