



*For people with intellectual  
and developmental disabilities*

**July 18, 2018**

On July 18, 2018, The Arc of Massachusetts celebrates the release of the Massachusetts Conference Committee Budget for FY 2019. We are grateful to the members of the Conference Committee, who reconciled the discrepancies from the two branches. The members not only recognized the importance of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Family Support and Day and Employment Services but also funded the higher numbers in the line items for Transportation, and the Autism Children's Waiver. In each DDS line item included in conference, the committee funded the higher amount.

Two other priority areas of funding included Adult Foster Care and Massachusetts Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative. The Conference Committee funded each of these line items at the higher dollar amount. The line items with significant dollar amount increases are detailed below:

**DDS 5920-3000 Family Support and Respite:** \$1 million increase to \$65,014,863

**DDS 5920-2025 Community Day and Employment:** \$1 million increase to \$210,704,791

**DDS 5920-3010 Autism Children's Waiver:** \$500,000 increase to \$6,974,203

**DDS 5911-2000 Transportation:** \$500,000 increase to \$24,324,627

**MHT 4000-0601 Adult Foster (Family) Care:** language provided for \$2 million increase in payment rates

**ED 7066-9600 Mass Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative:** \$118,000 increase

For the entire line item details, please see our budget page here:

<http://thearcofmass.org/advocacy/state-budget/>

This budget acknowledges the challenges for individuals with I/DD and autism and their families, as well as the important programs and services that support them.

***Stay tuned to The Arc of Mass as the budget moves  
to the Governor's desk and into the final process of the cycle.***

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