



## The Arc of Massachusetts FY26 Budget: Conference Committee Priorities

The Arc of Massachusetts is the state's leading advocacy organization for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families – about 250,000 Massachusetts residents.

As the Conference Committee negotiates the final FY26 budget, The Arc is advocating for the following priorities to be included:

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- \$150,000 to continue to grow The Arc's **Operation House Call** (OHC) program.
    - OHC trains medical students in how to effectively treat and care for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. OHC is currently in all medical schools in Massachusetts and is actively expanding to dental and nursing schools.
  - \$75,000 for **mobile crisis training** to ensure more appropriate responses to individuals with IDD and autism.
    - This would fund trainings to ensure that mobile crisis teams are better equipped to respond to urgent calls involving an individual with an intellectual or developmental disability—particularly for those with profound autism or other complex behaviors.
  - \$31 million for the **Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children**, while work continues to study the hospital's future.
    - This funding would continue the important services and operations at Pappas.
  - Level-funding (\$5 million) of the **Massachusetts Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative (MAICEI)**, which ensures access to higher education for students with intellectual disabilities and autism.
    - This program supports partnerships between state colleges, local school districts, and human service agencies to provide inclusive higher education opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities and autism.

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