House Ways & Means Pilot Employment Project

Line Item 5920-2026
HWM funded at $1,000,000
Arc/ADDP Request: Add: $4.5 million
Total Line item to be $5.5 Million
Lead Sponsor: Rep. Tom Sannicandro, Amendment 794

This line item would offer an opportunity to begin some elements of the Arc/ADDP/DDS Employment Blueprint offering the opportunity for individuals and families who choose to transition from employment services offered at sheltered workshops to community-based employment or day support program services as part of the commonwealth's employment first initiative. The Arc and ADDP believe this line item recommended by HWM offers an effective mechanism for addressing the desires of consumers and families who wish to receive more inclusive employment and varied day activities.

Autism Services

Line Item 5920-3010
HWM Funded at $5,621,132
Arc/ADDP Request Add: $3 million
Total Line to Be: $8,621,132
Lead Sponsor: Rep. Danielle W. Gregoire, Amendment 761

The Arc and ADDP are deeply concerned about the increasing number of children being identified with autism and related disorders. The demand for services is exceeding the capacity of current programs and Autism Resource Centers. The waiting list for individuals applying for the federal autism waiver is currently at 400 and is expected to grow substantially in the coming year. Additional funding is needed for both the waiver and Autism Support Centers.

DDS Residential Chapter 257 ALTR Rates

Line Item 5920-2000
HWM Funded at $1,005,889,270
Arc/ADDP Request: Restore $3 million to House Two Level
Total Line item to Be: $1,008,889,270
Key Sponsor: Rep. Paul Brodeur, Amendment 273

The Arc and ADDP concur with the Governor's projected estimate for FY 15 annualization of Adult Long Term Residential (ALTR) rates begun on April 1, 2014. There may need to be further adjustments addressed as individual needs are assessed. The Arc and ADDP wish to thank the leaders of the Commonwealth for complying with Chapter 257 Rate Reform with respect to DDS Residential Services.