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Report on the FY'2020 House Ways and Means Budget Blueprint

There was significant movement on The Arc's budget priorities in the House Ways and Means blueprint thanks to Chairman Aaron Michlewitz and House Ways and Means Committee members. We wish to recognize Vice Chair Denise Garlick and Assistant Vice Chair Liz Malia. Thank you to House members who shared their priorities with the Committee and leadership.

The Department of Developmental Services received:

- Family Support increased \$3.5 Million
- Community Day/Work increased \$3.45 Million
- Autism Omnibus increased \$2.5 Million
- Transportation increased \$750,000
- MAICE Program (inclusive concurrent education) increased \$300,000

In addition, increases proposed by Governor Baker were included by Ways and Means members:

- Continuation of the Turning 22 formula to address 1,000 plus young adults
- 61% increase in DESE-DDS to help youth remain with families, and
- Residential Services' investment to address unmet needs
- Increases in DDS state staff accounts

We appreciate the significant investment to advance inclusion and community supports and services. Share your thanks with your elected representatives! Please continue your voices as we move onto House debate and the Senate. We will request some additional House funding in employment/day and autism omnibus but cannot say enough about our appreciation for the significant budget blueprint from the House Ways and Means Committee this week. Special Thanks are deserved!

To learn more about this budget, [go to this page](#) and see House Ways and Means.

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