

State Budget Puzzle: Adequately Financing ICF DDs

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What happened this year?

- Requested unfreezing of rates and 15% increase to right size the rates going forward
- Participated in subcommittee hearings
- Sent letters to subcommittee chairs and conference committee
- Sent a few grassroots letters urging support
- Mostly efforts on our own besides some coordination with DSN

Outcome:

Received continued Prop. 56 funding, no unfreezing of rates or 15% increase

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Goals for next year

- Greater grassroots advocacy
- Get commitment to unfreeze rates – it's now or never
- Secure increase in rates
- Build/join DD coalition
- **Secure Administrative champions**
- Secure legislative champions who can push this through next year

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Strategies/Campaign to Increase Visibility and Pressure

- The subtle art of persuasion
(timing, reciprocity, persistence, urgency)
- Images matter
- Truth-tell
- Build Rapport
- Campaign
 - CAHF Focused (who we serve)
 - Client focused (What about me?)
 - Provider focused (How do we stay open?)
 - Family focused (uncertainty, inconsistent services)

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Strategies/Campaign to Increase Visibility and Pressure continued

Areas of Focus:

- CAHF ICF/DD provider meetings with:
- Department of Finance, Health and Human Services Agency,
- Department of Developmental Services, Department of Health Care Services, Governor's Office
- Local tours for Administration Officials
- Legislator outreach to Governor's office

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Budget Timeline

Fall

- Meet with Department of Finance, Governor's office, other departments and make formal request
- Meet with other organizations to build coalition
- Meet with local legislators and identify DD champions

January

- 2020- 2021 Proposed Budget release
- January 28 – SAVE the DATE – CAHF Budget Advocacy Day – Official Kick Off of Advocacy at the Local/Regional Level
- Meetings with legislators, build support

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Budget Timeline continued

March and April

Subcommittee hearings on funding

Subcommittees close out discussions prior to May Revise

May

May Budget revision released

Assembly and Senate take final actions on their budget

Conference committee meets and takes final action

June

Assembly and Senate adopts final budget no later than June 15

Governor signs budget no later than June 30

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CALL TO ACTION

- Commit to continuous engagement with your legislator and key budget committee members
- Participate in training on how to have effective legislative meetings
- Hold meeting with legislator in fall to discuss increased funding
- Meet with Administration and host local tour
- Attend January 28 CAHF Budget Advocacy Day and stress importance of increased funding
- Write letters for future Calls to Action
- Attend Spring Conference (March 2020) and participate in Capitol meetings

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QUESTIONS?

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