

Dear Families,

We NEED YOUR HELP! As you know, Early Intervention Services are supports for infants from birth to age three who exhibit a delay in development. These services are critical at this stage as these are the formative years where the impact of Early Intervention offers the best chance for improvement and gives the child the most opportunity to maximize their future potential.

In partnership with The Arc of New Jersey, we are advocating for increased funding to raise the rates for Early Intervention services in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. Increased rates will help us to attract qualified therapists, practitioners and professionals to this important field of work. As a provider of Early Intervention Services, I can tell you that additional funding will go a long way toward ensuring the continuation of these services for young children and their families who depend on them.



TAKE ACTION NOW:

Send an email to Senate Budget Chair Paul Sarlo and Assembly Budget Chair Eliana Pintor Marin:

- sensarlo@njleg.org
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Here's a template you can personalize and use when contacting the Budget Chairs:

Dear Senator Sarlo/ Assemblywoman Pintor Marin,

Missing from the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget is funding to increase Early Intervention (EI) rates in the Department of Health. Early Intervention Services are supports for infants from birth to age three who exhibit a delay in development. If delivered during this short window of time, these services can have a life-long impact on a child's future potential. EI rates have not gone up in more than 15 years which is making it difficult to attract therapists and professionals to this important field. We need your help! Please include \$15 million in the FY22 Budget to increase Early Intervention rates for these incredibly important services!