

# Restore Home & Community-Based Provider Rates

## KNOW THE FACTS

- **Since 2008, rates have been cut as much as 23% while the cost to serve individuals has continued to increase.**
- **Home and community-based services are essential to keeping individuals with disabilities healthy and in their own homes and communities.**
- **Providers are not able to offer Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) a living and competitive wage creating a work force crisis.**
- **Currently, the DSP turnover rate is over 40%.**

## What Can Legislators Do?

Appropriate additional State General Funds to restore home and community-based provider rates to 2008 levels for people with developmental disabilities and those who are aging or have adult-onset disabilities.

## Why Do This?

The rates paid to providers is not sufficient to pay their staff a living wage after covering training, supervision and other administrative costs. The low pay and often challenging work has resulted in a **severe shortage of direct support professionals**, and individuals receiving services are paying the price.

Individuals struggle to find providers and workers willing to provide the services they need due to these low rates, and some providers have been forced to make difficult decisions like discharging people because they could no longer afford to serve them. In fact, the current reimbursement rates have not covered the cost of services for ten years!

By restoring the rates, providers will be able to hire and retain a sufficient workforce to meet the needs of individuals currently receiving home and community-based services. These services are **more cost effective** than institutional settings and afford individuals with disabilities a **better quality of life** in their own homes or with their families.