

# 3for5: So Communities Thrive



New York Disability Advocates is a statewide coalition representing more than 300 non-profit organizations providing vital supports and services to more than 140,000 New Yorkers with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Across the state, non-profits provide comprehensive and individualized services and programs that support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in all areas of their lives. Beyond providing physical and behavioral health services they assist with transportation, housing, medication administration, cooking, feeding, and developing personal care, community living, employment, and money management skills.

Unfortunately, a decade of under-investment threatens the future of this system.

**To stabilize and transform the system, we are calling for an annual 3% funding increase for 5 years.**

## THE PROBLEM

Over the last decade, non-profits supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities received only one funding increase of 0.02%, while other Medicaid-funded industries received much more.

IN THE LAST 10 YEARS:

**\$2.6 Billion**  
IN FUNDING CUTS

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**At least \$5 Billion**  
OF FUNDING DENIED DUE  
TO LACK OF INCREASES

## IMPACTS OF STAGNANT FUNDING

1/3 of providers had to cut programs or reduce services in the last 3 years due to funding constraints—impacting almost **50,000 New Yorkers with disabilities**. Nearly half of providers have less than 40 days cash on hand. 1 in 3 are a month away from financial insolvency.



**FACILITY  
CLOSURES**



**OUTDATED  
TECHNOLOGY**



**JOB  
LOSSES**



**REDUCTION  
OF SERVICES**

## THE SOLUTION: #3FOR5



### AN ANNUAL 3% FUNDING INCREASE FOR 5 YEARS

This multi-year commitment from the state is crucial for the continuation of cost-efficient care, as well as investments in the workforce and much needed technology and facility modernization.

*State funding is the lifeblood of these services:*

**Over 90%**  
**IS FUNDED BY MEDICAID**

*The state is mandated by law to provide these services.*

Provider organizations are doing what they can, and many have taken steps to lower costs. Yet, they are running out of options, and New Yorkers with intellectual and developmental disabilities are paying the price.

New York must support these organizations and the outsized positive impact we have on the lives of people with developmental disabilities, their families, and the communities we serve.