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Legislative Platform Summary 2017

Increase Provider rates for The Individual Budgeting/Home and Community Based Services Waiver

The Council urges the Florida Legislature to increase provider rates so that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families who receive the Individual Budgeting/Home and Community Based Services Waiver have stable and qualified service provider staffing for delivering waiver services.

- Provider rates are so low that providers are offering fewer services or going out of business. As a result, families are often unable to obtain the services their loved ones need.
- Providers need greater compensation. A 3% increase in provider rates for this fiscal year was a good start that must be increased for next year.

Continue funding for Florida's iBudget services to meet the new Department of Labor wage requirements

The Council believes it is critical to include funding to meet the federal Department of Labor minimum wage requirement in the regular base budget of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities on a recurring basis.

Continue to transition individuals off the iBudget waiver waitlist

The Council urges the Florida Legislature to continue their support of a meaningful long-term commitment to transition individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities off the waiver waitlist for Individual Budgeting/Home and Community Based Services.

Transportation for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

The Council urges the Florida Legislature to provide resources for employment related transportation for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Reinstate the Statewide and Local Advocacy Councils for the protection of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities

The Council urges the legislature to reinstate the Statewide and Local Advocacy Councils to offer protection to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities from abuse and neglect.