

Talking points

Tell your legislators that:

- We support the Governor's reform agenda BUT you can't reform a system in crisis;
- These are job-killing cuts;
- These cuts will threaten the quality of life for the 1200+ individuals CWI supports as well as the 120,000 vulnerable people statewide.
- Our industry has already had more than \$300 million, or close to 8-9% in cuts, which have been targeted at services for those who are in most need of supports and services; CWI had substantial cuts less than 2 years ago.
- We have had only cuts and no trends or cost of living adjustments in 3 years;
- In addition to all the past cuts there has been an enormous increase in regulatory mandates which have stretched funding and staff to the breaking point;
- These cuts are in direct conflict with the Supreme Court's Olmstead decision and the Americans with Disabilities Act;
- Our ability to provide services will be diminished, waiting lists for individuals awaiting services will grow exponentially.
- These cuts will have broad impact, not only impacting the disabled, but their families, our employees, and our communities where we perform significant volunteer efforts.
- These cuts will increase health and safety risks to an already vulnerable population