Urgent Call to Action: Emergency Rally

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Help Us Protect DD Services

As many of you know, Govenor Wes Moore has proposed the FY25 & FY26 state budget which is set to be **voted on and approved in the next two months**. The proposed budgets include **substantial cuts to DDA services** in an effort to address the statewide budget deficit.

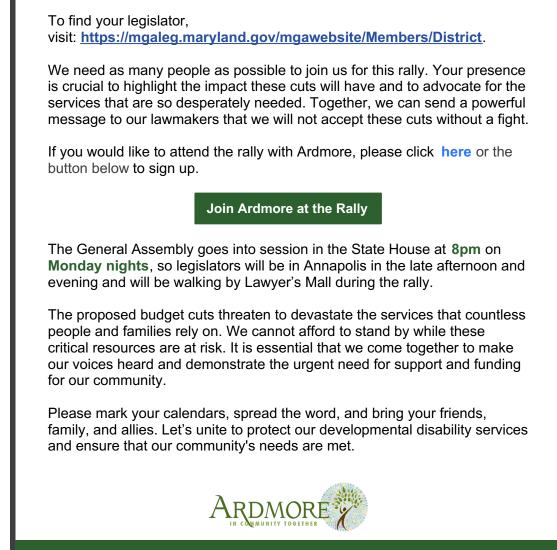
These proposed cuts present an unprecedented threat to funding for DD supports for community providers and the people we support.

While we know it's short notice, it is **critical** that you make every effort to join us **in Annapolis Monday evening** for a rally organized by the Maryland Developmental Disability Coalition in front of the State House. Below is the information:

Emergency rally on Lawyers Mall in Annapolis, directly in front of the State House, to protect our vital developmental disability services.

- Date: February 3rd, 2025
- Time: 7 8:15 PM
- Location: Lawyers Mall, Annapolis, MD, directly in front of the State House (100 State Circle)
- Who: Everyone affected by The Governor's drastic budget cuts to DD services, especially people who use provider supports, family members, and provider staff.
- Theme: Save Our DD Services
- **Signs:** <u>Do not</u> bring signs with sticks or handles of any kind. The DD Coalition will have signs available for people to hold. If you want to bring your own signs, they should be handheld with no sticks attached (this is strongly enforced by Capitol police) and be respectful of people with disabilities.
- What to Wear: In solidarity, we encourage everyone to wear white to symbolize our unity and commitment to protecting our services.
- **Parking:** Information on Annapolis parking can be found here. The two closest garages to Lawyer's Mall are the Noah Hillman garage and the Gott's Court garage. There is also 2-hour street parking that can be paid for with the Park Mobile app on your phone.

While here, we **encourage everyone** to stop by their elected officials' offices to let them know you are in Annapolis for the DD budget cuts. The House and Senate office buildings are located directly across the street from Lawyers Mall and anyone entering the buildings will need some form of identification.



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