

! a message from **OUR CEO**

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ACTION ALERT: PLEASE SUPPORT FULLY FUNDING THE GUIDEHOUSE RATE STUDY. cont.

A large portion of how we operate is determined by the Government and while EP!C can't lobby we most certainly can advocate. We feel it's our duty to educate our individuals, Families, Guardians, Staff and Supporters on how these decisions affect them. Last year the Guidehouse Study identified 10 crucial investment recommendations in order to adequately reimburse provider services after decades of inadequate support. The recommendations are designed to ensure people with disabilities can lead full lives. There was a push for the findings of that study to be fully funded which was passed. [\(See Bill Status of HR0194\)](#)



While efforts have been made to increase the investment from the State, there remains a deficit of \$154 Million. The Guidehouse findings including \$3.50/hr. increase to DSP wages, rate increases for individuals with challenging behaviors, updates to reflect present day housing costs, expanding services, etc. are still going unfunded and underfunded. With a price tag of \$246.8 Million*, there is only \$94.8 Million projected in the Governors 2023 budget proposal.

*Includes an additional \$45M of which was missing from the FY'22 budget.

Public support is still needed. Help us demand the full \$246.8 Million by urging the General Assembly to provide **full funding** and supporting people with disabilities and their caregivers by co-sponsoring [SB4063](#) and [HB4832](#)!

Let them know a \$158 Million deficit is not right.

It takes less than a minute to send emails to your legislators. Click the link provided to fill out a simple form that automates everything for you. Take direct action today and encourage your family and friends to do the same!

Thank you on behalf of EP!C Individuals and Staff.