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CAR ACTION PLAN FOR GOVERNOR'S 2005-06 BUDGET

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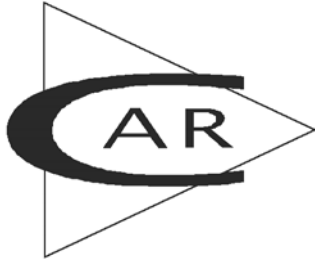
2005-06 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET SCHEDULE

February 9, 2005

DATE	TIME AND LOCATION	LEGISLATIVE EVENT	CAR ACTION
Feb. 15 (Tues.)	Room 4202, 10 a.m.	Assembly Budget Committee - Overview: Impact of President's Proposed Federal Budget on California	CAR staff to monitor hearing
Feb. 17 (Thurs.)	Room 4203, 9 a.m.	Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #3 - hearing on Medi-Cal redesign (in Sacramento)	CAR staff to monitor hearing
Feb. 22 (Tues.)	N.A.	Legislative Analyst submits <i>Perspectives and Issues of the 2005-06 Budget</i> to the Legislature	CAR staff to identify and analyze pieces relating to developmental disabilities field and send to mailing list
Feb. 23 (Wed.)	Room 112, 9:30 a.m.	Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #3 on Health and Human Services (HHS). Hearing on enhancing federal funds - DDS	
Feb. 23 (Wed.)	Room 4202, 1:30 p.m.	Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services (HHS) and Assembly Health Committee - hearing on Medi-Cal redesign	CAR staff to monitor hearing
Feb. 24 (Thurs.)	N.A.	Legislative Analyst submits <i>Analysis of the 005-06 Budget</i> to the Legislature	CAR staff to identify and analyze pieces relating to developmental disabilities field, recommend actions, as necessary, and pass on to mailing list
March 1 (tues.)	Room 4202, 1:30 p.m.	Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 (HHS) - second hearing on Medi-Cal redesign	
March 17 (Thurs.)	Room 4203, upon adjourn.	Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #3 - HHS. Hearing on Department of Social Services (DSS): SSI/SSP and In Home Supportive Services (IHSS)	CAR staff to submit Action Alerts to mailing list to send letters to subcommittee members (as necessary) and be available to testify
April	Not specified	Budget committee hearings on Agnews Plan	CAR to monitor and testify as appropriate

DATE	TIME AND LOCATION	LEGISLATIVE EVENT	CAR ACTION
April 4 (Mon.)	Room 4203, 1:30 p.m.	Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #3 (HHS). Hearing on Department of Health Services (DHS): Medi-Cal - selected issues	CAR to monitor and testify as appropriate
April 11 (Mon.)	Room 4203, 1:30 p.m.	Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #3 (HHS). Hearing on Department of Developmental Services (DDS) - Item 4203: community and developmental center issues	CAR staff to submit Action Alerts to mailing list to send letters to subcommittee members (as necessary) and be available to testify
April 25 (Mon.)	Room 4203, 1:30 p.m.	Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #3 (HHS). Hearing on DHS: Medi-Cal - selected issues	CAR to monitor and testify as appropriate
May 2 (Mon.)	Room 4203, 1:30 p.m.	Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #3 (HHS). Hearing on DDS (Item 4300) - selected issues	CAR staff to submit Action Alerts to mailing list to send letters to subcommittee members (as necessary) and be available to testify
May 5, (Thurs.)	Room 4203, upon adjourn.	Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #3 - (HHS). DSS: Community Care Licensing (Item 5180) - open issues	CAR staff to monitor y
May 9 (Mon.)	Room 4203, 1:30 p.m.	Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #3 (HHS). DDS budgets - open issues	CAR staff to submit Action Alerts to mailing list to send letters to subcommittee members (as necessary) and be available to testify
May 13, (Fri.)	N.A.	Governor delivers May Revision to the Legislature	CAR staff to identify and analyze relevant pieces and recommend actions, as necessary
May 19-21 (Thurs.- Sat.)	Room 4203 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #3 (HHS). Hearing on May revision and open issues.	CAR staff to submit Action Alerts to mailing list to send letters to subcommittee members (as necessary) and be available to testify
May 24, (Tues.)	Not specified	Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee meets to adopt subcommittee reports and releases <i>Major Action Report</i>	CAR submits action alerts to generate letters to members of the committee and review report, when available
May 26, (Thurs.)	Senate Floor	Senate votes on Senate budget bill	CAR staff monitors votes
June 1 (Wed.)	Not specified	Budget Conference Committee may begin.	CAR submits Action Alerts to generate letters to members of the committee
June 6 (Wed.)	Not specified	Conference Committee completes work	CAR staff monitors action
June 10 (Fri.)	Floor	Senate and Assembly vote on budget bill and budget trailer bills	CAR submits Action Alerts to generate letters to members of the Legislature
Tuesday, 6/15	N.A.	Legislature supposed to pass budget to meet constitutional deadline.	CAR reviews final action and notifies mailing list

DATE	TIME AND LOCATION	LEGISLATIVE EVENT	CAR ACTION
<p>Note: The Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 (HHS) has not yet announced its schedule but will be meeting on Mondays at 4 p.m. and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. CAR will update this table periodically to include the Assembly subcommittee hearing dates and hearings on the Budget Trailer Bills affecting developmental disabilities (when available). If you would like to be added to CAR's mailing list to receive Action Alerts, etc., you may contact us at carforchoice@aol.com or call (916) 498-1635.</p>			



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2005-06 BUDGET ISSUES AFFECTING PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

1. REGIONAL CENTER SERVICES BUDGET

- Continues Cost Containment Measures from Prior Years. These include:
 - rate freezes for contracted services (transportation, supported living and lookalike day program vendors)
 - elimination of average cost increases for day programs and in-home respite
 - maintenance of the rate freeze and rate rollback for habilitation services
 - continuation of the freeze on community care service levels
 - suspension of start-up of new facilities that are not part of the Community Placement Plan
 - retention of the increase in the time period allowed for regional center intake assessment from 60 to 120 days
 - continuation of the General Fund unallocated reduction in Operations (\$6.5 million) and Purchase of Services (\$7 million)
 - elimination of the SSI/SSP passthrough
 - implementation of the Family Cost Participation program (anticipated \$2 million savings)
- Proposes Additional Budget Year Cost Containment Requirements. Proposes trailer bill language to give regional centers more authority to control purchase of service expenditures. The budget estimates a savings of \$14 million in the first year as a result of implementation of the following new requirements:
 - use least costly vendor who will meet consumers' needs. In the cast of adult day programs, the regional center shall also consider the combined cost of transportation and the day program and select the least costly option
 - clarify the parent's responsibility to purchase services for a minor child, taking

into account the family's responsibility to provide similar services to a minor child without disabilities

- specify preference for less costly group, as opposed to individual, services if consumer needs can otherwise be met
- require regional centers to inform families/consumers annually of services purchased on their behalf
- ensure that regional centers establish and use an internal prior authorization review process for services
- establish a maximum expenditure level for supported living services for an individual consumer such that the cost of services does not exceed the average annual cost of supporting a consumer in a developmental center

It is estimated that these cost containment requirements will be phased in over a three-year period and will result in ongoing annual savings of \$42.9 million savings by 2007-08. (A number of these requirements were part of purchase of service standards proposed in the 2004-05 Governor's Budget and rejected by the Legislature.)

- Anticipates Additional Future Year Cost Containment Measures. Last September DDS indicated it was in the process of assessing the need to standardize rates for various services. Budget documents now indicate the department is gathering survey information to better understand service utilization and rate structure.

Department information notes that early estimates from regional centers on funding for habilitation services, based on limited expenditure and consumer data, indicate that current year funding of \$123.5 million may be insufficient to meet the projected service need. It notes, however, that more experience is needed to assess the sufficiency of current funding levels.

The department presents its rate standardization effort as a means of cost containment and indicates the first phase will include the highest cost services for which it would expect to see the most success in containing costs. The status of the rate standardization will be updated in May.

- Continues to Use Newly Generated Federal Funds to Offset General Fund Costs Rather Than Enhance Services.

Budget documents indicate DDS has been very successful in maximizing federal funds in recent years, particularly from the Home and Community-Based Service Waiver (HCBSW) and Targeted Case Management services. Between 1999-00 and 2005-06, the federal financial participation and related General Fund match went from \$.6 billion or 39 percent of total expenditures to \$1.5 billion or 52 percent of total expenditures. The Governor's Budget continues the process of using additional federal funds to replace other General Funds rather than to enhance services. It does this even though the state's receipt of federal funds places many additional administrative responsibilities on providers, employees, clients and their

families.

For additional information, see *Department of Developmental Services 2005-06 Governor's Budget Highlights*, dated 1/10/05 (www.dds.ca.gov)

2. DEVELOPMENTAL CENTERS BUDGET

- Developmental Center Population Adjustments. Proposes a reduction of \$25 million (\$13.7 million General Fund) and 397 positions resulting from a projected decline in population of 206 residents in the developmental center system from 3,307 residents in 2004-2005 to 3,101 residents in 2005-2006.
- Employer Retirement Contributions and Employee Compensation. In the current 2004-2005 year, reflects an ongoing increase of \$18.6 million (\$10.6 million General Fund) for increased employer retirement contributions and employee compensation costs.

For the 2005-2006, proposes a net increase of \$1.5 million (\$.9 million General Fund) over the current year adjustment of \$18.6 million for increased employer retirement contributions and employee compensation costs.

Note: Increased compensation and retirement costs are the result of negotiations between the Administration and Bargaining Unit 18, California Association of Psychiatric Technicians. Among a number of changes, a 2.5% salary increase effective July 1, 2004 and another 2.5% increase effective January 1, 2005 must be ratified by the Legislature and the Unit 18 membership.

For additional information, see *Department of Developmental Services, 2005-2006 Governor's Budget Highlights*, dated 1/10/05 (www.dds.ca.gov).

3. PROPOSAL TO CLOSE AGNEWS DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

- Proposed Funding Increase. The 2005-2006 Governor's Budget reflects an increase of \$27.4 million (\$22.1 million General Fund) to prepare for the closure of Agnews Developmental Center by July 2007.
- Plan for Closure. The Governor has released a plan for closure along with his proposed budget. About 350 individuals with developmental disabilities currently reside at Agnews. Key elements to the plan include the following:
 - Establish a permanent stock of housing in the Bay Area dedicated to serving individuals with development disabilities;
 - Expand community-based residential options to service individuals with special health care needs and challenging behaviors by creating new residential service delivery models and pilot projects (legislation required);

- Utilize Agnews employees (about 200 staff) on a temporary basis in community settings to augment and enhance services, including health care, clinical services and quality assurance (will require legislative changes);
- Enhance medical case management and related specialized services in the Bay Area by purchasing a medical care policy to supplement Medi-Cal provided services for individuals who transition to the community; and
- Implement a quality management system that focuses on assuring that quality services and supports are available prior to, during, and after the transition of each person leaving Agnews.

For additional information, see *Department of Developmental Services Plan for the Closure of Agnews Developmental Center*, dated January 2005. Executive Summary. (www.dds.ca.gov), and *Senate Budget and Fiscal Review, Quick Summary*, the Governor's Budget Proposal, January 10, 2005, p. 22. (www.sen.ca.gov)

4. MEDI-CAL REDESIGN PROPOSAL

- Managed care expansion. Expands use of managed care for 262,000 parents and children in 13 additional counties. Also requires 554,000 new participants who are seniors and disabled individuals to enroll in managed care in all counties in which managed care is available. Implements Acute and Long Term Care Integration projects in three counties to provide integrated Medi-Cal and Medicare services (including both medical and social services) to divert seniors and persons with disabilities from costly long-term care nursing facilities. (Estimated savings in 2008-09 are \$177 million (\$89 million General Fund).
- Modify Dental Benefit Package. Places an annual limit of \$1,000 on dental services provided to adults. Limit does not apply to federally managed dental services provided by a physician, emergency dental services, and hospital costs associated with dental treatment. (Estimated savings in 2005-06 of \$50 million (\$25 million General Fund).
- Beneficiary Cost Sharing. Requires Medi-Cal beneficiaries with incomes above the federal poverty level to pay a small premium to maintain their coverage. Beneficiaries include 90,000 seniors and persons with disabilities with incomes above the SSI/SSP level. (Estimated savings in 2006-07 of \$11,206,000 (\$5,553,000 General Fund).

For additional information, see *Health and Human Services Agency Medi-Cal Redesign Fact Sheet*, January 2005.

5. MEDICARE PRESCRIPTIONS PROPOSAL

- Beginning January 1, 2006, shifts coverage for prescription medications from Medicaid (Medi-Cal) to Medicare for individuals who are eligible under both programs. Under Medicare, an entirely new benefit program is created called the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Benefit. DDS indicates it will need to develop a new funding, tracking, billing and data system to allow regional center and developmental center clients to participate in this benefit program. DDS estimates it will realize an unknown amount of both additional revenues and costs.

For additional information, see *November Estimates - Regional Centers - 2005-06 Governor's Budget*, Department of Social Services, January 10, 2005, p. C-1.

6. MEDI-CAL THIRD PARTY LIABILITY

- Proposes to achieve substantial savings (\$19.6 million General Fund and \$17.1 million other funds in 2005-06) through statutory changes that would enable the state to collect repayment of Medi-Cal expenditures from third parties such as special need trusts.

For additional information, see *Overview of the 2005-06 Budget Bill*, prepared by the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review (www.sen.ca.gov)

7. PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF SSI/SSP COLA

- Proposes to eliminate the federal (2.3 percent) and state (4.6 percent) COLA for SSI/SSP recipients effective January 2006. This will result in a General Fund savings of \$174.2 million in 2005-06 and \$348.4 million annually thereafter. In effect, SSI/SSP participants will receive no change in their monthly grants.

For additional information, see *Health and Human Services Agency 2005-06 Budget Overview*, pp. 26-27 (www.dof.ca.gov)

8. PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN IHSS WAGES

- Maintains state participation in wages and benefits at the level of funding in the 2004 Budget Act for nine counties that negotiated contracts to increase IHSS service provider wages and/or benefits in 2004-05. The Administration proposes to do this by repealing current law which provides for state participation in wages and benefits resulting from collective bargaining agreements up to a set maximum. The budget assumes counties would have to reduce the IHSS provider wages or use county funds to cover the difference between the minimum and negotiated wage. This will result in an annual General Fund savings of \$42.7 million.
- Reduces the state's participation in wages and benefits for IHSS care providers in the majority of counties from \$10.10 to the state minimum wage level of \$6.75 per hour, effective October 2005. This proposal would result in a General Fund savings

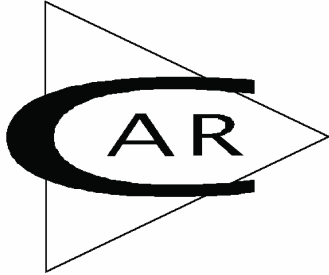
of \$152 million in 2005-06 and \$216.8 million in future years.

For additional information, see *Health and Human Services Agency 2005-06 Budget Overview*, pp. 27-28 (www.dof.ca.gov)

9. OVERVIEW OF SPENDING FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

For information see:

- *California's Fiscal Outlook - LAO Projections 2004-05 Through 2009-10*, prepared by the Legislative Analyst's Office, November 2004. Projected General Fund Spending for Major Programs (including DDS) - p. 28, and Developmental Services segment - p. 39 (www.lao.ca.gov)
- *Cal Facts: California's Economy and Budget in Perspective*, prepared by Legislative Analyst's Office, December 6, 2004 (www.lao.ca.gov)



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HOW TO GET YOUR LEGISLATOR ON *YOUR* SIDE

Because it is important to be able to influence individual legislators on key votes, CAR has compiled some ideas for you to use as you approach your individual legislators at the local level. Here are some of the things you need to do or find out:

1. **Who are my legislators?** Make sure you know who your state and congressional representatives are for both the area in which you live as well as the area in which your local community program or developmental center is located.

State: contact www.leginfo.ca.gov to look up state legislators by zip code

Congressional: contact www.house.gov or www.senate.gov

2. **What committees are they on?** Find out if your legislators are on any of the key committees that review developmental services issues, for example, Health, Human Services, Appropriations, Budget and Fiscal Review (and their subcommittees). (To identify committee members, see *California Legislative Phone and Fax Numbers by Capitol and District Offices*, prepared by CAR. An updated version is posted on our website at www.carforchoice.org.)
3. **What does their web site offer?** Spend a few minutes visiting their web site. See if they have a schedule of local activities such as town hall meetings.
4. **How do I contact them?** In addition to phone and mail and/or fax, find out if their web site offers a direct way to e-mail your comments.
5. **What about new law makers?** Because new law makers may still be settling in, check back at their web site in a month or so to see if they have posted any additional information.

6. **What services can their staff offer?** Ask if the legislator has a newsletter. If so, have your name added to their mailing list. Find out the name of the office staff person who handles developmental services issues.
7. **What information can I offer?** If your organization has a newsletter, make sure you add your legislators to the mailing list.
8. **What can I do to get acquainted?** Schedule a visit to your legislator's local office to discuss your concerns about issues affecting the developmental disabilities system. Invite legislators to attend your local unit events like annual dinners, picnics, etc. Acknowledge that they have many other commitments, but emphasize you would be glad if they could drop by or send a staff representative in their place.
9. **How can I give them a better understanding of my local program?** Invite them to tour your facility or center and meet the clients and staff. Use the time to talk with them about problems or concerns. Fridays often are best because members usually are in their districts.
10. **How can I inform and influence legislators on critical budget and legislative issues?** During the legislative/budget season, CAR will e-mail, fax, or mail Action Alerts to its board members and representatives as well as others on its mailing list. It is important that local units have a system to pass these along to members within their organizations. These Action Alerts identify a particular issue and provide a sample letter that can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to the Governor and/or legislators.
11. **How can I get my legislators interested in issues of importance to me?** When you write, call or meet with your legislators or their staff, try to get them involved in the issue by asking them how a particular action (budget proposal or legislative bill) will affect people and programs in their district. Stress to your legislators that it is important for them to know how their district voters will be affected before they themselves take action. Ask them to follow-up with a response or to keep you informed of any actions they may take.
12. **How can I use my local newspapers to my organization's advantage?** Most newspapers give readers an opportunity to express their concerns on local issues through letters to the editor or opinion pieces. You can call or e-mail the newspaper to find out if they have any restrictions or guidelines for submission of such pieces. If one of your submissions is printed, be sure to send a copy to your local legislators.
13. **How can I get more information on legislative issues?** The CAR

website provides the following (www.carforchoice.org):

- A legislative report that identifies the contents and status of legislative bills that affect the developmental disabilities service system
- Information on how to contact elected officials
- Action Alerts if the Legislature or Governor are proposing or considering budget or legislative proposals affecting our system
- Documents including position statements as well as letters that CAR has written to the Governor, the Legislature, state departments and others, on critical legislative and budget issues.

If you have questions or problems, you may contact the CAR office in Sacramento at (916) 498-1635 or carforchoice@aol.com. We will be happy to provide assistance.



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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE PHONE AND FAX NUMBERS BY CAPITOL AND DISTRICT OFFICES

February 10, 2004

Note: To find the legislator for your area, go to <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html> and enter your zip code.

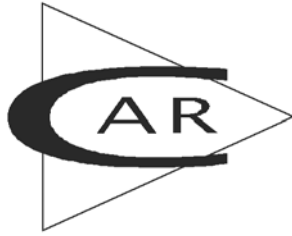
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18	Ashburn	Roy	(916) 445-5405	(916) 322-3304	(661) 323-0443	(661) 323-0446
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28	Bowen	Debra	(916) 445-5953	(916) 323-6056	(310) 318-6994	(310) 318-6733
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30	Escutia	Martha	(916) 327-8315	(916) 327-8755	(562) 929-6060	(562) 929-0366
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9	Perata	Don	(916) 445-6577	(916) 327-1997	(510) 286-1333	(510) 286-3885
14	Poochigian	Charles	(916) 445-9600		(559) 253-7122	(559) 253-7127
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21	Scott	Jack	(916) 445-5976	(916) 324-7543	(626) 683-0282	(626) 793-5803
32	Soto	Nell	(916) 445-6868	(916) 445-0128	(909) 984-7741 Ontario	(909) 984-6695
88	Speier	Jackie	(916) 445-0503	(916) 327-2186	(650) 340-8840 San Mateo	(650) 340-1661
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62	Baca	Joe	(916) 319-2062	(916) 319-2162	(909) 388-1413	(909) 388-1176
47	Bass	Karen	(916) 319-2047	(916) 391-2147		
64	Benoit	John	(916) 319-2064	(916) 319-2164	(909) 369-6644 Riverside	(909) 369-0366
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56	Bermudez	Rudy	(916) 319-2056	(916) 319-2156	(562) 864-5600	(562) 863-7466
33	Blakeslee	Sam	(916) 319-2033	(916) 391-2133		
65	Bogh	Russ	(916) 319-2065	(916) 319-2165	(909) 790-4196	(909) 790-0479
58	Calderon,	Ron	(916) 319-2058	(916) 319-2158	(323) 838-5858	(323) 838-0677
11	Canciamilla	Joe	(916) 319-2011	(916) 319-2111	(925) 372-7990 Martinez	(925) 372-0934
16	Chan	Wilma	(916) 319-2016	(916) 319-2116	(510) 286-1670	(510) 286-1888
57	Chavez	Ed	(916) 319-2057	(916) 319-2157	(626) 961-8492	
49	Chu	Judy	(916) 319-2049	(916) 319-2149	(323) 981-3426 Monterey Park	(323) 981-3436
25	Cogdill	David	(916) 319-2025	(916) 319-2125	(209) 576-6425	(209) 576-6426
24	Cohn	Rebecca	(916) 319-2024	(916) 319-2124	(408) 369-8170	(408) 369-8174
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70	DeVore	Chuck	(916) 319-2070	(916) 319-2170	(949) 863-7070	(949) 863-9337
52	Dymally	Mervyn	(916) 319-2052	(916) 319-2152	(310) 223-1201	(310) 223-1202
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53	Gordon	Mike	(916) 319-2053	(916) 319-2153	(310) 782-1553 temporary	(310) 782-2566 temporary
14	Hancock	Loni	(916) 319-2014	(916) 319-2114	(510) 559-1406	(510) 559-1478
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51	Horton	Jerome	(916) 319-2051	(916) 319-2151	(310) 412-6400	(310) 412-6354
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15	Houston	Guy	(916) 319-2015	(916) 319-2115	(925) 606-4990	(925) 606-4488
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54	Karnette	Betty	(916) 319-2054	(916) 319-2154	(562) 997-0794	(562) 997-0799
3	Keene	Rick	(916) 319-2003	(916) 319-2103	(530) 895-4217	(530) 895-4219
18	Klehns	Johan	(916) 319-2018	(916) 319-2118	(510) 583-8818	(510) 583-8800
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40	Levine	Lloyd	(916) 319-2040	(916) 319-2140	(818) 904-3840	(818) 902-0764
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61	Negrete McLeod	Gloria	(916) 319-2061	(916) 319-2161	(909) 621-2783	(909) 621-7483
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46	Nunez	Fabian	(916) 319-2046	(916) 319-2146	(213) 620-4646	(213) 620-6319
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41	Pavley	Fran	(916) 319-2041	(916) 319-2141	(818) 596-4141	(818) 596-4150
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76	Saldana	Lori	(916) 319-2076	(916) 319-2176	(619) 645) 3090	(619) 645-3094
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71	Spitzer	Todd	(916) 319-2071	(916) 319-2171	(714) 998-0980	(714) 998-7102
37	Strickland	Audra	(916) 319-2037	(916) 319-2137	(805) 230-9167	(805) 230-9183
20	Torrico	Alberto	(916) 319-2020	(916) 319-2120	(510) 440-9030	(510) 440-9035
68	Tran	Van	(916) 319-2068	(916) 319-2168	(714) 668-2100	(714) 668-2104
69	Umberg	Tom	(916) 319-2069	(916) 319-2169	(714) 285-0355	(714) 285-1301
79	Vargas	Juan	(916) 319-2079	(916) 319-2179	(619) 409-7979	(619) 409-9270
8	Wolk	Lois	(916) 319-2008	(916) 319-2108	(707) 455-8025	(707) 455-0490
74	Wyland	Mark	(916) 319-2074	(916) 319-2174	(760) 631-7670	(761) 631-7666
12	Yee	Leland	(916) 319-2012	(916) 319-2112	(415) 557-2312	(415) 557-1178
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January 29, 2005

ACTION ALERT!
IHSS BUDGET REDUCTIONS

**TO: CAR Officers, Board Representatives, Local Presidents,
and
Executive Directors**

FROM: Marion Lieberman, President

Please contact members of the Legislature by fax or phone as soon as possible to urge them to reject the reduction of state funding for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) worker wages contained in the Governor's Budget for 2005-06. Ask other family members and friends to call also.

We specifically ask that you call or fax the chairmen of the budget committees for both houses (listed below) as well as the assembly member or senator who represents your area. You can look up your state legislators by zip code by visiting www.leginfo.ca.gov.

We have attached a suggested letter for your use. Please e-mail, fax or mail us a copy of your letter and ask others to do so as well. Thank you.

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SAMPLE LETTER

February __, 2005

The Honorable _____
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember or Senator _____:

As the parent of a family member with a developmental disability (or as a person who operates programs for people with developmental disabilities), I am writing regarding **Item 5180** of the Governor's Budget for 2005-06, for the Department of Social Services (DSS).

The Governor proposes to permanently reduce state participation in wages and benefits for IHSS workers to the state minimum wage level of \$6.75 per hour. The Governor further proposes to repeal current law requiring the state to pay 35 percent of the cost with counties paying 15 percent and the federal government paying the balance of 50 percent.

I understand the need to look critically at state spending in order to address the large deficit. It is patently unfair, however, for the state to continue to provide generous wages, benefits and retirement arrangements for many groups of public employees, while it is asking this sector of "other public employees" to try to survive on minimum wage, with limited benefits, health care or retirement.

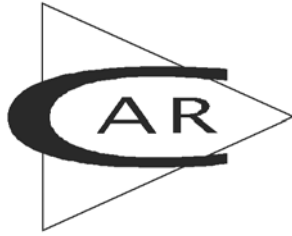
Asking IHSS workers to get by on minimum wage will result in loss of competent workers and constant staff turnover as workers leave for better paying jobs in other sectors. It also will make it difficult for family members who are paid as IHSS workers to remain at home and still be able to get by financially. The instability and lack of continuity of workers can only result in a significant deterioration of services for the most frail and vulnerable of our population and lead to more costly treatment and institutionalization.

I ask that you **REJECT** the Governor's proposal to a) reduce state funding for IHSS workers and b) repeal current law establishing the state's level of participation. I also request that you **augment Item 5180** by \$195 million

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I would appreciate your keeping me informed of what action you decide to take on Item 5180.

Sincerely,

Your name
Your address
Your phone and/or fax number



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ACTION ALERT!
REGIONAL CENTER BUDGET REDUCTIONS

**TO: CAR Officers, Board Representatives, Local Presidents,
and
Executive Directors**

FROM: Marion Lieberman, President

Please contact members of the Legislature by fax or phone as soon as possible to urge them to reject the continuation of existing spending restrictions for regional center services and proposals for additional reductions contained in the Governor's Budget for 2005-06. Ask other family members and friends to call also.

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February __, 2005

The Honorable _____
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Dear Assemblymember or Senator _____:

As the parent of a family member with a developmental disability (or as a person who operates programs for people with developmental disabilities), I am writing regarding **Item 4300** of the Governor's Budget for 2005-06, for the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

This is a critical year for the developmental disabilities field. The department is proposing to close Agnews, one of the five remaining developmental centers, and is requesting \$27.5 million in 2005-06 to prepare for that closure. DDS' proposal includes a plan to develop new community services for those individuals who would transition from Agnews to the community. At the same time, the Governor's Budget is allowing the rest of the community services system to continue to deteriorate. This approach is short-sighted and inequitable.

I ask that you **REJECT** the continuation of existing funding restrictions for regional center services contained in Item 4300. These include a) continuation of rate and cost freezes for a variety of community programs, b) suspension of funds for start-up of new facilities that are not related to the placement of individuals out of developmental centers, c) continuation of unallocated reductions in regional center operations and purchase of services.

I also ask that you **REJECT** additional new cost containment requirements that would reduce or eliminate the availability of services and severely limit consumer choice.

I therefore request that you **augment Item 4300** by a minimum of \$83 million, as estimated by the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, to eliminate existing rate and cost freezes and by an additional 14 million (\$10.5 million General Fund) to restore additional proposed service reductions. Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I would appreciate your keeping me informed of what action you decide to take on Item 4300.

Sincerely,

Your name
Your address
Your phone and/or fax number