



Families
Cannot be
Caregivers
Forever
TAKE ACTION!

“FAMILIES CANNOT BE CARE GIVERS FOREVER” CAMPAIGN

On November 21, Governor Cuomo vetoed 4 bills pertaining to critical issues for people with developmental disabilities and their families. NYS has effectively stopped developing new supports and services for people who are living at home with aging family members. Although a disappointment, these vetoes represent a beginning rather than an ending. With the Governor’s budget proposal due at the end of January, **we are requesting that you email and/or call the Governor, State Senators and Assemblymembers to emphasize these points --**

- It is vitally important to increase funding for more residential and day services. The Governor needs to include these in his 2015-2016 Executive Budget.
- There is an exploding crisis and that families are desperate for supports for their loved ones with developmental disabilities.
- The legislators must be reminded that the Governor (there contact info is below) vetoed 4 bills that were passed by the legislature without a single negative vote. Family members must tell them that they expect them to continue to support the key issue these bills represent. They need to reach out to the Governor and their leaders and advocate for a budget that addresses these concerns.
- A sample message for you can be found on -- http://cqcengage.com/nysarc/Families_Cannot_Be_Caregivers_Forever -- which is a new ‘Engage Action Alert’ tool on NYSARC’s website.
- Talking points and other background material are also available and may be helpful to those who want to write their own letters -- <http://cqcengage.com/nysarc/file/mL3YgdY03Zm/TALKING%20POINTS.pdf>

Also, please click on this link and sign the petition to Governor Cuomo --
<http://cqcengage.com/nysarc/app/sign-petition?3&engagementId=72513>

We need to start influencing the Governor’s budget proposal - now through approximately January 27th!

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<http://www.governor.ny.gov/contact/GovernorContactForm.php>

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