

**MFOFC
Budget Update of June 1, 2010**

MA State Budget FY 2011

Is this what you expected?

Senate House Rejects All but One Amendment...

Amendments:

Accepted

Amendment 372 by Sen. Walsh was rewritten to gain acceptance at a total \$4,000,000 for restoring the **DESE-DDS program**, line items 5948-0012 and 7061-0012. 100 individuals/families will maintain or see services restored. It is our big victory of the session.

Rejected

Residential amendments- 558 and 559, Sen. Candaras, restore \$6 million to prevent 86 to 100 people from losing their current homes and about 500,000 for state operated homes.

Employment/Day Programs- Amendment 622 by Senators Spilka and Menard, restore \$7 million so 450 people will keep their jobs and day services.

Family Support-Amendment 702 by Senators Kennedy & Joyce, restore \$1.5 million so individuals with disabilities and their families can receive in-home supports. (technically withdrawn).

MRC Line items-Amendment 648 and Amendment 679 by Sen. Eldridge, restores \$2 million to prevent loss of community supports for 95 people (brain injury); restores employment supports for 300 people with multiple disabilities (\$3 million)

Turning 22- Amendment 656 by Sen. Jehlen, additional \$2.7 million for 300 students and language for full year funding in 2012 (annualization).

Thank You to the Legislators who have continuously given their support and signed on to the disability amendments!

Can disability services be saved at this point?

In the Conference Committee phase that we are now entering, we will be asking all of you to reach out to your legislators. [Go to this page to see which branch](#) has the better budget for a specific line item. But it is important to note that **the bulk of the power resides with the 6 Committee members, plus the leader in each chamber.** This includes:

Robert DeLeo, House Speaker
Charles Murphy, Ways & Means Chairman
Barbara L'Italien, Ways & Means Vice-Chair
Vinny deMacedo, Ranking Minority Member Ways & Means

Therese Murray, Senate President
Steven Panagiotakos, Ways & Means Chairman
Stephen Brewer, Ways & Means Vice-Chair
Michael Knapik, Ranking Minority Member Ways & Means

If you are a [constituent](#) of any of the above, [let Arc of Mass know](#).... they will need you to be active in general and may need to call on you personally.

Where are we in the budget process?

****Conference Committee**** 3 House and 3 Senate leaders meet to reconcile House and Senate versions of budget and release its own version in *mid-June*

Governor Vetoes: Conference Committee budget is sent to Governor, who has line-item veto authority. Generally released in *late June*.

Legislative Overrides: Veto overrides must be initiated in the House and require two-thirds passage in both chambers. Typically, these occur in *early July*.

Thank you to The Arc of Mass and ADDP for the budget updates.