

## **Urgent Call to End the 2025/26 Budget Impasse and Protect Pennsylvania's Health and Human Services System**

October 14, 2025

Dear Governor Shapiro and Members of the General Assembly:

On behalf of the Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association (RCPA) and the hundreds of organizations we represent, we again implore you to act — now — to resolve the state budget impasse and restore stability to Pennsylvania's health and human services network.

Since our initial appeal letter dated September 30, the situation has grown even more dire. The [2025 Budget Impasse Impacts on PA Nonprofits](#) quantifies the damage that deepens each passing week. A [one-page summary of the findings](#) is also available and highlights the key data of the impacts.

These numbers are not abstract — they represent children missing early intervention, seniors without home-care aides, families losing housing supports, and individuals left untreated for mental health and substance use disorders. The damage is human, systemic, and growing.

**Again, we ask that you come together and pass a full and responsible budget immediately.**

Each day of inaction drives organizations closer to collapse and jeopardizes the well-being of hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians. Providers cannot borrow indefinitely, and communities cannot withstand more service closures.

Complexity cannot be the reason for paralysis. We urge bipartisan cooperation to enact a budget that:

1. **Restores halted payments** to counties and community-based agencies;
2. **Stabilizes the workforce** by ensuring reimbursement rates support competitive wages; and
3. **Prevents irreversible service disruptions** by committing to timely appropriations for essential programs.

We recognize the challenges before you and believe in Pennsylvania's capacity to lead with compassion and resolve. We respectfully urge you to act with urgency and unity — to pass a responsible budget that reflects Pennsylvania's values, protects its people, and preserves the essential providers who hold our communities together.

Respectfully,



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A Bridge to Independence  
Acadia Healthcare  
Access Services  
ACRP  
AHEDD  
Allegheny Children's Initiative  
Alliance Health Allegheny, Inc.  
Alternative Community Resource Program, Inc.  
(ACRP)  
Aspire Child & Family Services  
Barber National Institute  
Bell Socialization Services, Inc.  
Berks Counseling Center  
Bowling Green Brandywine Treatment Center  
Brain Injury Association of PA  
Cambria Residential Services  
CenClear  
Center for Community Resources  
Chartiers Center, Inc.  
Chester County Intermediate Unit  
Chestnut Ridge Counseling Services, Inc.  
Child Guidance Resource Centers  
Children's Service Center of Wyoming Valley, Inc.  
Chimes Holcomb  
Clelian Heights  
CMU dba Pathways Forward  
Community Counseling Center of Mercer County  
Community Guidance Center  
Community Living and Support Services  
Community Services Group  
CONCERN  
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health  
Dickinson Center, Inc.  
Early Intervention Providers Association (EIPA)  
Elwyn, Inc.  
Erie County Care Management, Inc.  
Families United Network  
Familylinks  
Gaudenzia  
Gemma Services  
Glade Run Lutheran Services  
Harborcreek Youth Services  
Hope Enterprises, Inc.  
Horizon House  
Human Resources Center, Inc.  
Huntington Creek Recovery Center

Inglis Foundation  
Journey Health System  
KenCrest  
KidsPeace Corporation  
Lark Enterprises, Inc.  
Lenape Valley Foundation, Inc.  
Lifesteps, Inc.  
Lighthouse Vocational Services  
Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania  
MAX Associates  
Melmark  
Mental Health America of Southwestern PA  
Mental Health Association in PA  
Mental Health Partnerships  
Merakey  
My Independence at Home  
Pennsylvania Counseling Services  
Pocono Mountain Recovery Center  
Pressley Ridge  
Pyramid Healthcare, Inc.  
Quality Progressions  
Rankin Christian Center  
Regional Counseling Center, Inc.  
Sarah A. Reed Children's Center  
Scranton Counseling Center  
Shadowfax  
SpArc Philadelphia, family of organizations  
Staunton Farm Foundation  
Step By Step, Inc.  
Strawberry Fields, Inc.  
Success Rehabilitation, Inc.  
The Arc Alliance  
The Guidance Center  
The Institute for Human Resources and Services  
The Network for Behavior Change  
The Ramsay Group  
TrueNorth Wellness Services  
UCP of Central Pennsylvania  
Vallonia Industries, Inc.  
Venango Training & Development Center, Inc.  
Voices for Independence  
White Deer Run of Allenwood  
White Deer Run of York  
Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.