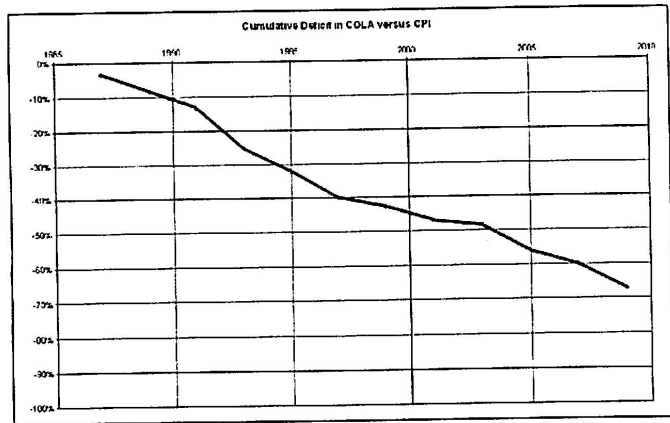


What is YOUR Plan B?



Funding for the services on which our family members rely has fallen far below rising costs. We cannot endure further shortfalls!

This year the Department of Developmental Services was nearly forced to implement unprecedented reductions in services as part of a "Plan B Budget" that would have hurt our most vulnerable families.

What would you do if your residential, day program or employment services were reduced?

Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families rely on private providers for critical community-based services. ***KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!*** Do not allow your residential, day program or employment services to be dramatically reduced! **The risk is real...**

PLEASE JOIN US!

For an informative meeting presented by The Family Empowerment Task Force, a group of parents, siblings, guardians and caregivers of individuals who have intellectual disabilities and who depend on Home and Community Based Services that are offered by DDS through its private provider network and self-directed plans.

Come and learn more about **The Family Empowerment Task Force** and let us share information about legislative advocacy, the DDS Five-Year Plan, the new DDS Level of Need based rates and the DDS budget. We need your support and involvement.

**MARC: Community Resources * 421 Main Street, Cromwell
5:30pm * Wednesday February 8, 2012**

RSVP by Monday, January 30, 2012 to Larissa Gionfriddo, 860-342-0700 Ext. 214 or l.gionfriddo@marc-cr.org
Pizza and beverages will be served.

Why this should be important to YOU!

- * Become active on issues that will affect your child in the near future.**
- * Network with other parents who have battled the steps you are presently at.**
- * Learn what options are out there after high school.**
- * Learn and become active in making sure services are still available when your child enters the system.**
- * Continue learning ways to empower your child.**
- * Continue learning advocacy skills to make you a better advocate for your growing child.**
- * Hear other parents success stories.**