

Public Hearing Testimony Concerning the
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Assembly Budget Committee – March 15, 2005

[William Dice](#), Board of Trustees, NAMI New Jersey

[James Lape](#), Vice President, Trinitas Hospital

[Gail R. Schoenbach](#), Executive Director, The Gail S. Schoenbach F.R.E.E.D Foundation

[William R. Testa](#), Executive Director, Arc/Morris Chapter

[Debra L. Wentz](#), Chief Executive Officer, New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies, Inc.

Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee – March 16, 2005

[Michael R. Allen](#), Associate Executive Director, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton

[Lowell Arye](#), Executive Director, Alliance for the Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities (ABCD)

[Marlene Lao Collins](#), Director of Social Concerns, New Jersey Catholic Conference

[Diana Crone](#), Director of Children's Services, Community Planning & Advocacy Council (CPAC)

[Rev. Bruce H. Davidson](#), Director, Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry in New Jersey

[Deborah Flanagan](#), Parent and Supports Coordinator, Consumers with Developmental Disabilities receiving self-directed services

[Eileen Henderson](#), Vice President, Center for Family Services

[Cindy Herdman Ivins](#), Executive Director, Family Service Association of New Jersey

[Carol J. Kientz](#), Executive Director, Home Care Association of New Jersey, Inc.

[Phillip Lubitz](#), Director of Advocacy Programs, National Alliance for Persons Affected by a Mental Illness (NAMI) New Jersey

[Marthe Neil](#), Executive Director, Garden State Coalition for Youth & Family Concerns, Inc.

[Richard O'Grady](#), Executive Director, New Jersey Association of Children's Residential Facilities

[Christina Pacewicz](#), individual, supports increase of care funding for individuals with disabilities

[Yvonne Payton](#), parent of son with Asperger's Syndrome and Epilepsy, Division of Developmental Disabilities concerns

[Daniel Santo Pietro](#), Executive Director, Hispanic Directors Association of New Jersey

[Mindy Rosen](#), Parent of child with disability supporting Real Life Choices Transition and Family Support

[Laura Sanchez](#), coordinator, PEACE Center at Bridge of Peace Community Church

[Thomas Spadaro](#), Co-Chair Budget Sub-Committee, Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) Consumer Advisory Council

[Heidi Stokes](#), Director of Government Affairs, Independent Pharmacy Alliance of America Inc.

[Richard C. Strobel](#) Esq., Chairman, State Board of Human Services

[Elizabeth Torresson](#), Director of Clinical Services, Moorestown Visiting Nurses and Hospice

[Marie Verna](#), Director of Consumer Advocacy, Mental Health Association in New Jersey, Inc.

[Debra L. Wentz](#), CEO, New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies, Inc.

[William Wills](#), Parent Advocate, disability issues

Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee – March 22, 2005

[Tom Baffuto](#), Chair, Cost of Providing Care Coalition

[Reverend Patricia L. Bruger](#), Executive Director, CUMAC/ECHO, Inc

[Tom Bruno](#), Legislative/Political Coordinator, CWA Local 1040

[Frank X. Caragher](#), Executive Director, The Arc of Union County

[Peter Chin](#), individual, issues with DYFS

[Diane Conway](#), Executive Director, New Jersey Association of Community Providers

[Dr. Lorraine Cooke](#), Chair, Early Childhood Coalition of New Jersey

[Lisa Coscia](#), Executive Director, New Jersey MENTOR

[Frances Curley](#), Regional Vice President, Community Options, Inc.

[Edana Desatnick](#), parent of child with Angelman's Syndrome, The ARC of New Jersey

[Joan Desmarais](#), Program Manager, Child Care Services of Monmouth County

[Creighton Drury](#), Vice President, New Jersey Community Development Corporation

[Ethan Ellis](#), Executive Director, New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities

[William S. England](#), President, Disability Services & Advocacy, LLC.

[Eugenia Gore](#), Executive Assistant, Our House, Inc.

[Thomas Grady](#), Director, Advocacy and Public Affairs, Brain Injury Association of New Jersey, Inc.

[Russell F. Hall](#), President, Board of Trustees, Interfaith Food Pantry in Morristown

[Tricia Hampel](#), President, New Jersey Association of Clinical Case Managers and Director of Hudson County's Integrated Case Management Service program

[Liza M. Kirschenbaum](#), Esq., Director of Public Affairs, Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Jersey, Inc. (CASA of NJ)

[Sue Kozel](#), Consultant, Amanda's Easel, 180, Turning Lives Around

[James Lape](#), Vice President, Trinitas Hospital

[Adele LaTourette](#), Director, Statewide Emergency Food and Anti-Hunger Network

[Victoria Leigh](#), Outreach Co-Coordinator, Family Support Organization of Union County

[Anthony Lucibello](#), Executive Director, Northwest Essex Community Healthcare Network

[Ralph Mastrangelo](#), Parent Advocate, Disability Issues

[Alan Mucatel](#), Executive Director, Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey (CPNJ)

[Robert Nolan](#), Controller, Mental Health Association of Essex County, Inc.

[Darlene Reeves](#), Parent Advocate, Disability Issues

[Lucille Richards](#), COO, Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey

[Ometa Richey](#), Parent/Executive Director, Family Support Organization of Hudson County

[Janice Sangle](#), Government Relations Committee Chairperson, New Jersey Chapter, National Multiple Sclerosis Society

[Nick Starita](#), Executive Director, United Cerebral Palsy of Hudson County, Inc.

[Douglas A. Struyk](#), President and CEO, Christian Health Care Center

[William R. Testa](#), Executive Director, The ARC/Morris Chapter

[Carole Tonks](#), Parent Advocate on behalf of New Jersey Developmental Disabilities Council

[Axel Torres-Marrero](#), Director of Public Policy, Hyacinth AIDS Foundation

[Maureen Walliser](#), Governmental Affairs Chairperson, Association for Choices in Community Supports and Employment Services (ACCSES), New Jersey, Inc.

[Dr. William Weiss](#), Executive Director, Passaic County Elks Cerebral Palsy Center

[Suzanne Williamson](#), Chair, New Jersey Child Care Advisory Council

[Cecilia Zalkind](#), Executive Director, Association for Children of New Jersey

[Tom Zsiga](#), Associate Director, New Jersey Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

Assembly Budget Committee – March 24, 2005

[Michael R. Allen](#), Associate Executive Director, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton

[Tom Baffuto](#), Chair, Cost of Providing Care Coalition

Tom Bruno speaking on behalf of [Carolyn Wade](#), President CWA Local 1040

[Mike Burke](#), Government Relations Committee Chairperson, Mid-Jersey Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society

[Ellie Byra](#), Parent and Advocate of the developmentally disabled

[Frank X. Caragher](#), Executive Director, The Arc of Union County

[Patricia Carlesimo](#), Executive Director, LADACIN Network (Formerly Cerebral Palsy of Monmouth and Ocean Counties)

[Laurie A. Clark](#), Legislative Counsel, Garden State Pharmacy Owners and New Jersey Pharmacists Association

[Diane Conway](#), Executive Director, New Jersey Association of Community Providers

[Sharon J.B. Copeland](#), Executive Director, Enable, Inc.

[Rev. Bruce H. Davidson](#), Director, Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry in New Jersey

[Jennifer DeMauro](#), Parent and Advocate, children with developmental disabilities and member of New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities and the State Interagency Coordinating Council For Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities

[Joan Desmarais](#), Program Manager, Child Care Services of Monmouth County

[Creighton Drury](#), Vice President, New Jersey Community Development Corporation

[Lorraine D'Sylva-Lee](#), Parent and Advocate for the Disabled

[Ethan Ellis](#), Executive Director, New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities

[Faith Falco Scott](#), CEO, Visiting Nurse Association of Northern, NJ.

[Martin A. Finkel](#), DO, Medical Director and [Esther Deblinger](#), Ph.D., New Jersey CARES Institute, School of Osteopathic Medicine, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

[Gail Frizzell](#), Parent and Advocate for the developmentally disabled

[Thomas F. Grady](#), Director, Advocacy and Public Affairs, Brain Injury Association of New Jersey, Inc.

[Katherine Grant-Davis](#), Executive Director, New Jersey Primary Care Association, Inc.

[Cindy Herdman Ivins](#), Executive Director, Family Service Association of New Jersey

[Carol J. Kientz](#), Executive Director, Home Care Association of New Jersey, Inc.

[Liza M. Kirschenbaum](#), Esq., Director of Public Affairs, Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Jersey, Inc. (CASA of NJ)

[Sue Kozel](#), Consultant, Amanda's Easel, 180, Turning Lives Around

[Rev. Joseph W. Kukura](#), President, The Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey

[Marlene Lao Collins](#), Director of Social Concerns, New Jersey Catholic Conference

Mary Ellen Marino, Executive Director, Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness

H. Denis McGrath, Executive Director, Franklin Township Food Bank

Tom Murphy, President, Health Professionals and Allied Employees (HPAE) Local 5094

Meara Nigro, Director of Communications, Community FoodBank of New Jersey

Richard O'Grady, Executive Director, New Jersey Association of Children's Residential Facilities (NJACRF)

Lucille Richards, COO, Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey

Kathy Ross, Vice President, Corporate and Family Services, Bancroft NeuroHealth

Erica Lynne Scanlon, Miss New Jersey 2004, and Art Ball, Director of Government Affairs, Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community (COSAC)

Candice Singer, Policy Analyst, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency New Jersey (NCADD)

Theodore Stieve, President, The Arc of New Jersey

Heidi Stokes, Director of Government Affairs, Independent Pharmacy Alliance of America, Inc.

Katherine A. Vaczi, Vice-Chairperson, Budget Sub-Committee, Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) Consumer Advisory Council

Suzanne Williamson, Chair, New Jersey Child Care Advisory Council

Monique Wilson, Statewide Family Support Coordinator, New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities

Kristen Witucki, Graduate Student and Member, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

Cecilia Zalkind, Executive Director, Association For Children of New Jersey (ACNJ)

Tom Zsiga, Associate Director, New Jersey Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

Assembly Budget Committee – March 29, 2005

Rocco Fiorentino, Blind 8 year old

Tina Fiorentino, mother of Rocco and advocate for the blind

[Peggy Kinsell](#), Community Resource and Training Coordinator Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN)

[Laurence F. Lane](#), Vice President Government Relations, Genesis HealthCare Corporation

[Axel Torres-Marrero](#), Director of Public Policy, Hyacinth AIDS Foundation

[Mary Lynne Reynolds](#), Executive Director, Mental Health Association in Southwestern New Jersey

[Francis Ulrich](#), Treasurer, New Jersey Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (NJPRA)

[Sondra Yanniello](#), Parent of child with emotional and behavioral challenges speaking on behalf of Atlantic Cape Family Support Organization

Mailed in Testimony

[Mr. & Mrs. John Artale](#)

[Dr. Lorraine Cooke](#), Chair, Early Childhood Coalition of New Jersey (ECCNJ)

[Diane Crone](#), Sr. Vice President/Director of Children's Services for (CPAC)

[Frances Curley](#), Regional Vice President, Community Options, Inc.

[Geraldine Knudsen](#)

[Patricia R. Labunski](#), Acting Director, Epiphany House, Inc.

[Mary Ellen Marino](#), Executive Director, Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness

[Michael Prendergast](#), Co-Chairman, NJ APSE Governmental Affairs Committee

[Sharon Ross](#)

[Pat Stanislaski](#), Executive Director, NJ CAP Regional Training Center