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Statement from The Arc of Illinois on Governor’s Proposed FY24 Budget

Yesterday, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker unveiled his [budget proposal](#) for FY24. The Governor’s address can be seen [here](#), and the full speech is available [here](#).

Unfortunately, the proposed \$211M budget falls far short of what was recommended in the pre-pandemic [Guidehouse report](#) which was \$529M of new spending in FY24.

Based on figures in the proposed budget, the Division of Developmental Disabilities budget will increase by nearly \$211 million, or 8.5%. Nearly 10% of the budget is intended for hiring new staff at SODCs, compared to 8.3% additional funds for HCBS. Here is a breakdown:

DDD program area	FY23 enacted	FY24 requested	difference	% change
HCBS	\$1,718,434,000	\$1,861,700,600	\$143,266,600	8.3%
ICF/ID	\$348,760,700	\$378,004,300	\$29,243,600	8.4%
SODCs	\$370,200,800	\$406,374,000	\$36,173,200	9.8%
Other supportive services	\$54,081,600	\$56,239,400	\$2,157,800	4.0%
Total	\$2,491,477,100	\$2,702,318,300	\$210,841,200	8.5%

According to the [Budget Summary](#) (page 23), the nearly \$211 million increase includes:

- \$63.1 million to implement an accelerated timeline of changes following the Guidehouse rate recommendations beginning January 1, 2024, including a \$1.50 per hour increase for Direct Service Professionals (DSP) and regionalization of rates for Community Day Services.
- \$56.7 million to annualize the cost of fiscal year 2023 Guidehouse rate increases.
- \$26 million for continued compliance with the Ligas consent decree including \$12 million to annualize fiscal year 2023 placements and \$14 million for 700 new placements.
- \$19.3 million to increase staffing by 330 positions at state DD facilities.
- \$27.6 million to adjust for the Federal SSI increase of 8.9% for people served through the Home Based Services Waiver.

Of note, the Governor indicated that 700 adults and 500 children would be pulled from PUNS in the proposed budget during FY24. There are currently, however, [12,421 individuals are currently seeking services](#). Also encouraging is his proposed \$40 million increase in early intervention.

I am hopeful that potential recent issues identified with the CILA rate calculator, another recommendation of the Guidehouse report implemented as of January 1, 2023, will be fixed to avoid the **projected 3.7 million decrease in DSP hours** (see: [slide 30](#)) which amounts to 1,779 DSP FTEs.

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