



Coalition for a
DSP Living Wage

Valuing Workers Who Support
People with Developmental Disabilities

Advocate for DSPs During Tonight's 'Ask The Governor'

Governor Christie will be a guest tonighton "Ask the Governor" and we need you to call into the program and urge him to support an increased wage for Direct Support Professionals in the FY18 Budget. With only four days left in the fiscal year, this is an excellent opportunity to bring attention to the issue on live radio!



What Do You Need to Do?

"Ask the Governor" starts at **7 pm** on **NJ 101.5** and there are multiple ways to submit your question. Here's what **101.5**



"The governor will be taking your calls at [800-283-1015](tel:800-283-1015) — but the phone lines fill up quickly. Fortunately, that's not the only way to get your question heard:

Follow [New Jersey 101.5 on Facebook](#). We'll start our Live Video of Ask The Governor at 7 p.m. - tell us in the comments what you'd like the governor to address. Tweet your questions to [@NJ1015](#) using the hashtag [#AskGov](#) during or ahead of the show. Selected Tweets will be featured on [NJ1015.com](#) as well."

What Do You Say If You Get on the Air?

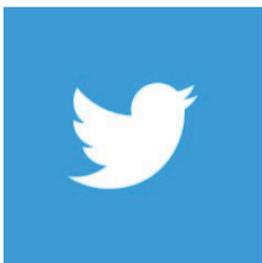
If you're chosen to speak to the Governor on the air, make sure to say the following things:

Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) take care of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, but their wages are so low that hiring and retaining staff has become very challenging. I experience this first-hand with my loved one.

For people with developmental disabilities to receive services in the community, we need to increase wages for DSPs in the Budget.

When you get the Legislature's Budget, please support the included DSP wage increase.

What Should I Tweet?



Here's a sample tweet you can send during the "Ask the Governor" Program:

@NJ1015 Will u support people with dev. disabilities by increasing wages in FY18 budget for direct support professionals #AskGov

Up Next....Stay Tuned!

There are only **4 days left** in the fiscal year and we will need your help every step of the way. Thanks for all you've done and continue to do. Keep an eye out for additional alerts throughout the week.

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