

# FL SAND 2021 Legislative Priorities

## Florida Self-Advocates Network'D (FL SAND)

FL SAND is a network of 19 grass-roots, self-advocacy groups that represents people with disabilities throughout the state of Florida. We advocate for disability rights and inclusion for all. Representing hundreds of self-advocates in Florida, FL SAND has adopted the following 2021 legislative priorities.



## Preserve the iBudget

Floridians with intellectual and developmental disabilities have proven they live vital, productive lives that contribute to the greater community. They have a right to live, work, worship, volunteer in, and contribute to their communities. Despite their valuable contribution, this important group of voters lives with the threat of losing vital services due to lack of competitive wages for the essential direct service workers who provide their medically necessary care. These low wages and a growing waitlist threaten the momentum towards independence people with disabilities have gained over the years, and may force some into more costly institutional settings.

- ⇒ Fund the Waiver
- ⇒ Anticipate Growth
- ⇒ Increase Provider Rates
- ⇒ Move People Off the Waitlist

We support yearly increases for the iBudget Waiver that match the need for more services under this funding, including an increase in the rate of pay for direct service providers. The iBudget Waiver should be included in the social services estimating conference to secure a commitment to fund the essential services needed by the nearly 35,000 people currently funded on the waiver. Lastly, funds to move people off the waitlist onto the waiver should be increased.



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