

# MetroWest Center For Independent Living People with Disabilities Living in the Community

## **Please call your State Representative TODAY!**

Thanks to everyone who participated in IL Education Day at the State House.

The State House of Representatives released their annual budget, and once again, the IL Center's Line Item: 4120-0200 - has been rolled up into another line item. The IL Centers need to have stable funding, dedicated to the independence of people with disabilities.

Help us protect our vital services by asking your state representative to sign onto Representative Ellen Story's amendment to H3400 and reinstate item 4120-0200.



Rep. Ellen Story at IL Education Day

We also hope you will join us at the State House next week in support of the Alternative Housing Voucher Program (See info below).

Thank you.

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## Support the Alternative Housing Voucher Program

When:

Wednesday, April 22, 11:30-2

Where:

4th Floor Conference Room (near 413)  
State House

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The House of Representatives Ways and Means budget came out today, and it included the same amount of funding as last year (\$3.55 million) for the



Allegra at IL Education Day

Alternative Housing Voucher Program, which provides rental assistance for low-income people with disabilities. We are relieved that Ways and Means did not suggest a cut, but we know that a funding increase is needed. Over 2,131 people are on the Alternative Housing Voucher Program waiting list, and over 30,000 people with disabilities are on the Section 8 waiting list statewide. People with disabilities are facing an affordable housing crisis, and we must encourage our legislators to take action.

We will gather at 11:30 on Wednesday to share information about the Alternative Housing Voucher Program and what we're asking for, then divide into small teams to visit representatives' offices and ask for their support. The more people who come, the more representatives we can visit. Whoever you are, we need you!

[Click here for the Facebook event](#), and please invite your friends!

Thanks to Allegra at BCIL.

## MA Government Contact Information

*Please call your legislators and the Governor, and thank them for listening!*

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