



2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

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Governor's Budget Released – Includes CIL Transition Funding at \$975,000

On Tuesday, Gov. DeSantis presented his FY 24-25 budget recommendations. The proposal includes the \$975,000 in additional General Revenue funding CILs received FY 23-24. Although the Governor's budget is only a proposal, it will be helpful to let legislators know the Governor supports our issue as we advocate for \$1.5 million in recurring General Revenue next year. Other disability-related items in his budget include:

- \$127 million to serve additional individuals with disabilities on the APD waiver waiting list and to expand the APD Medicaid Managed Care Pilot in AHCA Regions D and I,
- Funding to implement a pilot program for individuals in Broward, Orange, Hillsborough, and Leon counties who are dually diagnosed with mental health and developmental disabilities, and
- \$800,000 to implement the "Adult Pathways Waiver" for individuals with developmental disabilities as they transition to adulthood. (You can scan the QR code above or [click here](#) to read the full budget.)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FACIL Board of Directors Meeting

- Monday, Jan. 29th, 12:00–5:00 pm
[Hampton Inn & Suites Tallahassee Capitol](#), 824 Railroad Ave., 32310
and Virtually on Boardable

CIL Day Activities

Legislative Reception

- Monday, Jan. 29th, 5:30-7:00 pm @
- [The Challenger Learning Center](#)
200 S. Duval St., Tallahassee

Legislative Visits

- Tuesday, Jan. 30th, 9:00 am–12:00pm
- Florida Capitol, Tallahassee

Final Committee Week

- December 11-15

2024 Legislative Session Dates

- January 9 – March 8, 2024

From "Live Local" to "Live Healthy"

After passing the "**Live Local Act**" last session – a comprehensive package of policy and funding initiatives to increase the availability of affordable housing in Florida - Senate President Kathleen Passidomo on Thursday announced her "**Live Healthy**" plan, which aims to expand Florida's health care workforce, increase access to health care and incentivize health care innovation. The plan expands services to Floridians with disabilities and provides \$195.8 million for Home and Community Based Services Waiver provider rate increases. Details of the proposal will be discussed by the Senate Health Policy committee next Tuesday.

FACIL Funding Requests Have Bill Numbers!

FACIL's appropriations requests continue to advance through "the process", and as of this week, [HB 1553](#) by [Rep. Demi Bussata-Cabrera](#), which requests \$1.5 million for CILs to provide community transition services was officially published with a bill number (the Senate companion by [Sen. Dennis Baxley](#) should be published next week). [SB 1470](#) by [Sen. Jay Collins](#) and [HB 3034](#) by [Rep. Danny Alvarez](#), which request \$300,000 for the Florida AgrAbility Project to provide assistive technology and services to farmers and agricultural workers with disabilities, were also published.

