



The Mother of All Lobby Days!
Wednesday, May 6th at 10:00 a.m.
Legislative Office Building - Hartford

#PeopleMatter

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The Governor's proposed budget would permanently eliminate a vast array of essential services for Connecticut's most vulnerable and disenfranchised citizens: families living in poverty, individuals with disabilities, people struggling with mental health and addictions, individuals living with HIV/AIDS and children & families at risk. While the budget negotiations continue - nonprofit providers and the individuals they serve – remain at risk!

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URGENT CALL TO ACTION! Priorities matter. People matter.

Please join us on the Wednesday before Mother's Day in our collaborative efforts to restore funding for health and human services at pre-rescission rates. Support a vital and sustainable network of services by fully funding the true cost of care for our state's most vulnerable citizens!

We are asking for:

- Increased funding and access to care
- Fair and livable wages for quality care and a stable workforce
- Responsible revenue policy that matches responsible spending policy

WHO: #PeopleMatter – Cross-Sector Coalition of community human service providers & those they serve

WHAT: The Mother of all Lobby Days

WHEN: Wednesday, May 6th | 10:00AM - 6:00PM ('Visible Display of Unity' at 1:00 PM)

(*You may register for 10:00am – 2:00pm and/or 2:00pm –6:00pm.)

WHERE: Legislative Office Building & CT State Capitol
300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

RSVP! (Please provide approximate number of attendees & any special considerations – bus parking, etc.)

To RSVP!!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H5HL25T>

#PeopleMatter Postcard Template

http://www.ctnonprofits.org/ctnonprofits/sites/default/files/fckeditor/file/policy/private/Julia/People_Matter_8.5x5.5_postcard_template_BLANK.docx

Additional Information & Agenda on Reverse

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HOW TO PREPARE:

- * We strongly urge you to schedule appointments with your legislators in advance of the event. Please click here to [Identify & Contact Your Legislator](#)! As always, please contact [CT Nonprofits](#) or any member of the coalition, for additional assistance at any time!
- * We ask that you please RSVP for either of the following ‘waves’ of participation: *10:00am – 2:00pm and/or 2:00pm –6:00pm. (*Or any portion of these times. Lobby Leaders will be on hand throughout the day!)
- * Prepare / Print Photos of the individual(s) you choose to represent (your loved ones, individuals in your care, etc.) These should be very visual/powerful, but may not be ‘any wider than your body’ – to receive clearance. At approximately 1:00 PM, during the ‘Visible Display of Unity’ - all participants will display these photos – along with the #PeopleMatter Postcards.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- * ***10:00 AM – 1100 AM:** All members of the #PeopleMatter Coalition will convene in the Atrium of the Legislative Office Building. You will register, receive materials and instructions. (*Unless you have selected the afternoon ‘wave.’)
- * **11:00 AM – 12:00 PM:** Participants will complete legislative ‘Leave Behind’ messages & meet with legislators.
- * **12:00 PM – 1:00 PM:** Participants will proceed in a unified ‘procession’ from the LOB to the State Capitol.
- * **1:00 PM – 1:15/1:30PM:** Participants will come together in the Capitol for a ‘Visible Display of Unity’ - All participants will display these photos of the individual(s) they choose to represent (your loved ones, individuals in your care, etc.) – along with the #PeopleMatter Postcards.
- * **1:30 PM throughout the remainder of the day – THE MOTHER OF ALL LOBBY DAYS will continue as you meet with your legislators.**
- * **PLEASE NOTE: #PEOPLEMATTER LOBBY LEADERS” WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO ASSIST YOU IN YOUR ADVOCACY EFFORTS!**

ABOUT THE COALITION:

#PeopleMatter is a cross-sector coalition of advocacy associations, nonprofit service providers, organized labor and recipients of services who serve hundreds of thousands of Connecticut’s most vulnerable residents each year. The coalition includes Connecticut Association of Nonprofits, The Arc Connecticut / Families for Families, Connecticut Community Providers Association, Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies, Connecticut Nonprofit Human Services Alliance, Families for Families, HARC, Inc., NAMI Connecticut, Oak Hill, Our Families Can’t Wait, and 1199NE/SEIU.