



**Associated Production Services, Inc.**  
**The Packaging Performance People™**  
Empowering Disabled Workers

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March 15, 2019

Dear Friends and Family of APS,

The mission of The Office of Developmental Programs is to support Pennsylvanians with developmental disabilities and their families to achieve greater independence, **choice** and opportunity in their lives ([www.myodp.org](http://www.myodp.org)).

The proposed rate for ODP funding to attend our program is being drastically cut by 24.5% and impossible to survive.

What does that mean and how can you help us fight the proposed changes?

- ODP is in essence forcing Community Participation on work centers by increasing the rate when we take them out in the community and decreasing the rate paid when attending the work center.
- When participating in the community our attendees do not earn money.
- 95% of our current workers **choose** to attend the work center and do not want to participate in the community during “working hours”. It is **their choice**.
- ODP is not reducing any regulations and assumes we can endure this massive rate cut. The logic of ODP is if we have more attendees in the community we can “make up the difference”. This is **NOT choice**.

Please send an email or write a letter to the below entities telling **YOUR** story about how this will affect you, your family and the developmentally disabled workers at APS.

**EMAIL – [ra-ratesetting@pa.gov](mailto:ra-ratesetting@pa.gov) – Use subject header “FY19-20 Rate Changes”**

**MAIL - Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs  
Division of Provider Assistance and Rate Setting  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Health and Welfare Building  
625 Forster Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120**

**Email and/or Mail a copy to your state representatives. To find your legislator:  
Google – “Find my legislator PA”**

All comments must be received by April 5, 2019. We only have **20 days** to voice our concerns about the future of work centers.

Sincerely,

J. Jay Belding  
Founder/Executive Director

**My WORK  
My CHOICE**