

The enacted 2023/2024 New York State Budget contained a provision for the establishment of a cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) for designated programs under the jurisdiction of the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). New York State has directed that such funding be utilized to promote the recruitment and retention of direct support professionals and to respond to other critical non-personal service costs.

Funds from this COLA were paid directly to staff in eligible titles, funded increased expenditures in fringe benefits and were utilized to fund property improvements in programming for those we serve.