# Iowa Association of Community Providers

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160,000 135 +lowans were served last vear by IACP's community IACP members, are is contributed providers employing community providers, annually to lowa's providing services across 30,000 economy by this all 99 counties in Iowa group of people people to meet the needs of our state's citizens.

### WHO ARE COMMUNITY PROVIDERS?

Community providers support lowans with disabilities and mental health needs, helping them thrive in all 99 counties. Community-based services allow lowans to live, learn, and work where they choose. Investing in accessible, quality services strengthens our communities and improves quality of life statewide.

# OUR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

#### Mental Health and Behavioral Health Priorities

- Invest in Evaluation and Management Codes that providers use to help cover costs of scarce medical providers such as Psychiatrists and Nurse Practitioners.
- Ensure Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) continue to receive block grant funding that supports them to remain safety net providers.
- Invest in the lowest tier of the Habilitation waiver (UA) to continue to serve individuals in the community with behavioral health needs.

Home & Community-Based Services (HCBS) Priorities

- **HCBS providers need \$8.54 million** to expand the capacity of intermittent community-based services. These services allow individuals to remain in the community and include the following:
  - Employment Services
  - Hourly Supported Community Living Services
  - Respite Services
  - Day Habilitation Services

# OUR POLICY INITIATIVES

- **Include waiver services** in regular rate reviews and recommend investment to the legislature to allow providers to plan and budget for capacity
- **Propose legislation** to fix Medicaid eligibility issues that leave providers unaware of member status, leading to unrecoverable costs for services provided
- Allow the use of other training platforms such as Relias to meet employment services training requirements. Relias supports 10,000+ IACP users in the state and most providers rely on this platform to deliver the majority of their required accreditation and best practice training

### YOUR INVOLVEMENT IS CRUCIAL

Community providers are different from healthcare because we focus on supporting individuals in their homes and workplaces, emphasizing community engagement. These services provide ongoing, lifelong support available 24/7. Iowa Medicaid is the primary funding source, accounting for 90% of provider revenue, we truly need your support for Iowa's community providers today!