

## State Budget 2007/08 Information Sheet Disability Services

**Key issues:** There needs to be clear and transparent criteria and guidelines for disability services for children. Early intervention screening for children should be easily accessible. Transition plans for children entering school should be developed.

<b>WACOSS' Recommendation</b>	<b>Budget Outcome</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<p>Take urgent, immediate steps to ensure that all people with disabilities, who are in critical need of assistance, are able to access the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• accommodation support;</li> <li>• individual and family support;</li> <li>• an alternative to employment option (some may not want this);</li> <li>• full access to therapy required to develop skills, maximise independence and maintain health; and</li> <li>• that all eligible young children with a disability have access to a properly resourced and effective early intervention programme</li> </ul>	<p>All of these were addressed. No real increase even though more services needed and more clients identified</p>	<p>All of the recommendations were addressed. The funding was basically the same</p>
<p>Allocate additional recurrent funding to organisations currently funded to provide individual advocacy for people with disabilities. Allocate additional funding to organisations providing systemic advocacy for people with disabilities.</p>	<p>No additional funding was allocated</p>	