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**IOWA COMMUNITY PROVIDERS CELEBRATE 2025 HILL DAY SUCCESS**

DES MOINES, IA- March 27th, 2025, Imagine the Possibilities had the opportunity to join Iowa Association of Community Providers (IACP) colleagues in Des Moines at the 2025 Hill Day.

This annual IACP event is centered around community, advocacy, and education for our peers and legislators. Attending members had the opportunity to speak with local congressional leaders, including Lieutenant Governor Chris Gearhart Cournoyer, regarding our top priority: maintaining Medicaid funding for Home and Community Based Services.

Home and Community Based Service providers need $8.54 million to expand the capacity of intermittent community-based services. These services allow individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to remain in their communities, including Employment and Hourly Supported Community Living Services. Moreover, 99% of Imagine revenue comes from Medicaid, with 63% being Federal and the remaining from the state. Without cost coverage, Imagine the Possibilities is at risk of losing one million dollars annually to provide the same services that positively impact people in our communities. Therefore, increasing rates for Employment Services and Hourly Supported Community Living is imperative to sustaining them.

We congratulate IACP CEO Ben Shuberg on a successful day of advocacy, as 2025 marked the largest Hill Day to date with over 400 attendees. There is strength in numbers, and it is apparent through the relentless advocacy of community providers, self-advocates, and community members alike that we are better together.

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