

**NYS Sens. Savino & Tedisco, Other Legislators
Join Direct Care Workers, Self-Advocates & former
Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg at [#bFair2DirectCare](#)
News Conference
Tomorrow, Tuesday, 2/28 – Noon – In Capitol**

***New Vacancy, Turnover Data Show Deepening Crisis for
Non-Profits Serving People with Developmental Disabilities***

WHAT: The [*#bFair2DirectCare*](#) campaign – advocates for people with developmental disabilities, direct service providers, local agencies, parents, and self-advocates – will be joined by current and former state legislators at a news conference to urge inclusion in the 2017-18 state budget of a living wage for direct care workers who serve New Yorkers with developmental disabilities.

[*#bFair2DirectCare*](#) will unveil new data showing growing vacancy and turnover staff rates at not-for-profit agencies that serve these New Yorkers. That data will demonstrate that the deepening crisis facing these agencies and the 130,000 New Yorkers with developmental disabilities.

[*#bFair2DirectCare*](#) will also ask the Senate and Assembly to including the funding request, amounting to 0.029% of the state budget, in their one-house budget resolutions, and will urge Governor Cuomo to end his silence on this critical issue.

WHEN: Tomorrow, Tuesday, February 28th at noon.

WHERE: War Room
2nd Floor, New York State Capitol
Albany

WHO: [*#bFair2DirectCare*](#) statewide coalition members and advocates for New Yorkers with developmental disabilities, including self-advocates, their families, and direct care providers.

Senators Diane Savino (IDC-Staten Island) & Jim Tedisco (R-Capital Region)
Former Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg
Other State Legislators