Providing support to persons with disabilities throughout their lifespan so they can achieve their highest level of independence in their community.

ADA Celebrates 31 Years of Inclusion Through Self-Advocacy

July 26 is a special day; 31 years ago, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) passed with bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress. On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the landmark legislation into law. The ADA builds on the Civil Rights Act of 1964, amended in 1973 by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. (This civil rights struggle is beautifully told in the acclaimed documentary *Crip Camp*, for which we include a link below.)

The ADA “...prohibits discrimination and guarantees that people with disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone else to participate in the mainstream of American life.” The law mandates the following:

- All places of public accommodation, including commercial establishments must provide full access to all.
Everyone is entitled to full access to government facilities and services, including public transportation.
- Discrimination in employment on the basis of any disability is forbidden.
- All forms of telecommunications technology must be available to the public.

In addition, the law establishes accessibility standards in all aspects of public life, such as for wheelchair ramps, building entrances, and children's playgrounds.

With a 1999 Supreme Court case, Olmstead v. L.C., disability law established that people with cognitive disabilities have the right to live in a least-restrictive setting, preferably within community the community at large; state institutions would increasingly become a relic of the past.

View the Interactive Smithsonian Exhibition: The Disability Rights Movement

Watch the Oscar-Nominated Documentary — Crip Camp: Disability Revolution

Watch the ADA Signing Ceremony

A New Tool Helps Families Locate a Direct-Support Professional

Since the start of COVID-19, The Collaborative for Citizen Directed Supports of NJ has been diligently volunteering to help connect available DSPs for people who are in need of support.
The work-in-progress includes an Interactive Map indicating where DSPs are available for work now so that people and families can contact them directly for an immediate start date.

Learn how the Interactive Map can help you find available Direct Support staffing during Covid-19 and beyond!

Interactive Map Tutorial

The Collaborative NJ Website

NJ Legislative Disability Caucus Holds a Housing Roundtable

The NJ Legislative Disability Caucus will be holding a Housing Roundtable discussion about key housing issues affecting people with disabilities. This important event will take place on Tuesday, July 27, at 12:00 p.m. Sign up via the link below:

Sign Up for NJ Legislative Disability Caucus Housing Roundtable

New Report Looks at the History of Community Living
The Administration for Community Living (ACL) just issued an important new report: *30 Years of Community Living for Individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities*. Read it online:

**Report: 30 Years of Community Living for Individuals with I/DD**

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**The DAWNcil Calendar Raffle Offers 65 Chances to Win. Our Consumers Win, Too**

Here's your chance to win—and help DAWNcil serve consumers with important social services.

Purchase your tickets today for DAWNcil’s 2021 calendar raffle.
- All tickets can win more than once!
- There are 65 chances to win,
$2,000 in cash prizes

And all proceeds will benefit programs serving people with all disabilities in Morris, Sussex, and Warren counties.

To the DAWNcil Website

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$2000 in Cash Prizes!!!
65 chances to win!

ALL TICKETS CAN WIN MORE THAN ONCE!

CHANCES TO WIN EACH WEEKDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM AUGUST TO OCTOBER

PRIZES RANGING FROM $20 TO $200
DONATION: $20 PER TICKET

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT PROGRAMS SERVING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN WARREN, SUSSEX, AND MORRIS COUNTIES

All drawings are held on Monday at 4pm in the DAWNcil office at Denville for that week, with the exception of week one, for which the drawing will be held on Wednesday, August 1.

No substitution of the offered prizes will be made.

Winners must be present.

Winners will be notified by mail and winning ticket numbers posted on www.dawnncil.org which will be updated weekly on Tuesday by 10 AM.

GET YOUR TICKETS BY CALLING 973-625-1940, ext. 210