



Alliance for the Betterment of
Citizens with Disabilities

Empowering People: Providers Shaping Policies

DEFENDING THE ACHIEVEMENT
Questions about the campaign.

Why does the campaign include stories about deinstitutionalization?

The rejection of the institutionalization of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and delays represented a shift from the medical model of disability searching for a cure to a social model which focuses on people's inherent dignity and entitlement rights, which protect that dignity.

The deinstitutionalization movement is our origin story, explaining why and how the movement began, indicating how far we have come, and providing a guide for moving onward.

Is there a future for home and community-based services?

Over a relatively short period of time, individuals have made life altering achievements. But progress can be fragile and impermanent. In response, it is our responsibility to show NJ citizenry the value of the expansion of the social contract to include individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and delays, a previously excluded group. Our goal is to convince the public that investment creates something greater for individuals and for each other. Is there a future? There ought to be.

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