Alliance for the Betterment of
Citizens with Disabilities

Empowering People: Providers Shaping Policies

DEFENDING THE ACHIEVEMENT

Beginning in calendar year 2027, the potential erosion of Medicaid and SNAP funding because of federal legislation, "OBBB," risks the relatively recent and hard-won achievements made by individuals with I/DD.

The goal of ABCD's campaign, *Defending the Achievement*, is to maintain government investment in home and community-based services, health care, and safety net services, for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and delays.

To What Do We Owe Each Other?
Keeping Families Supported

In this video we learn how family support promotes family cohesion. Cohesion can ensure that caregiving is shared, creates a stable environment, promotes the well-being of siblings, fosters resilience, and improves outcomes.

The DTA campaign dialogue brings us back to where we began when both Karen and Joseph share their experience with and thoughts about institutionalization. Joseph closes our series stating, "To think that 50 years ago that was the only option."

The institutionalization of individuals with disabilities raises significant ethical and social questions about our responsibilities to one another. And leads us to consider, to what do we owe each other?

Stories like these exist only because of the vision, commitment, support and partnership of federal and state government which began with the DD Act and Education for all Handicapped Children Act in 1975, the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act of 1980, The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Olmstead Decision of 1999 and increased Medicaid funding for home and community-based services (HCBS). Despite these achievements, Medicaid and other resources remain forever in governments' crosshairs. For people with IDD, Medicaid is not simply a health care program, but the system that enables them to live in the community.

DEFEND OUR SOCIETY'S ACHIEVEMENTS

No cuts to IDD service and support.

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