

Coalition for Community Choice

Coalition for Community Choice (CCC) is a national grassroots collaboration of persons with disabilities, their families and friends, disability rights advocates, professionals, educators, and housing and services providers to advance the principle that community can be experienced in all residential settings. CCC was created to 1) promote and defend the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and autism to choose their residential settings from the broadest range of options; 2) educate federal and state governments on innovative Olmstead-compliant housing alternatives to “one-size fits all” approaches; and 3) preserve access to essential, publicly-funded services and supports in these settings.

CCC believes in the following principles:

- A home and community is defined differently for every person. Federal policy should not define “Home and Community” for people with I/DD. People with I/DD *have the right to decide* what “Home and Community” is to them. Therefore, policy should not include language which restricts settings or narrowly defines what is considered a “Home and Community”.
- People with I/DD should not be restricted from living in any setting based on resident diagnosis, desired lifestyle and location, density of persons with disability, and/or non-individually assessed least restrictive environment.
- People with I/DD have the right to choose from a full range of support service options to meet their needs and reach their full potential.
- People with I/DD have the right to choose their support service provider to provide services in their voluntarily chosen setting, including options such as agricultural settings, intentional congregate communities, campus settings and live-work-play pedestrian-oriented developments.
- No government official should have the power to override or restrict one’s choice of their desired home and community options.
- The government should decrease barriers to residential options and not restrict innovation of affordable and accessible housing.
- The government should provide more incentives to local community development of housing and support services to meet the specific needs for those with I/DD in that community.

If your organization would like to be included as a member of CCC, please contact Desiree Kameka, DKameka@MadisonHouseAutism.org

Members of CCC:

[Because We Care - Beyond Inclusion, Seattle, WA](#)

Holistic care approach supporting a continuum of care which looks at individual, family and community strengths to promote health, safety, relationships and quality of life for people with intellectual disabilities.

[Families Speaking UP](#)

A grassroots movement of people with IDD, their families and caregivers advocating for a variety choices for ALL people with IDD.

[FRED Conferences](#)

While originally focused on agricultural communities as a solution to the growing challenge for living options, FRED has grown into a movement to advance the ability for special needs adults to live with real purpose.

[Homes For Life Foundation, Wilmington, DE](#)

A 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to raising funds to build safe and comfortable group homes for men and women with IDD.

[LTO Ventures, Henderson, NV](#)

LTO Ventures is a 501(c)(3) non-profit company that develops live/work/play communities for adults with autism spectrum disorders.

[Madison House Autism Foundation](#)

A national organization working to eliminate barriers and increase opportunities for adults on the autism spectrum.

[Noah's Ark of Central Florida, Lakeland, FL](#)

Addressing the concerns of people with developmental and intellectual disabilities through intentional community.

Promise in Brevard, West Melbourne, FL

A place where young adults with special needs can live a life full of opportunities and freedom never thought possible.

Purple Cherry Architects & Purposeful Architecture, Annapolis, MD

Purposeful Architecture is an architecture firm committed to creating spaces that foster thoughtful learning and living environments that inspire creativity and individuality in our children and adults with special needs.

The Parent Hospital Association, CA

In support of the dedicated staff and management of the Sonoma Developmental Center, the Parent Hospital Association advocates for residents of SDC and others with developmental disabilities in Northern California.

Sweet Water Spectrum, Napa, CA

To provide adults with autism an innovative, supportive residential community that challenges each individual to reach his or her highest potential.

VOR

A national organization that advocates for high quality care and human rights for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.