

## **Who We Are – ncwaiveractionteam.com**

The Triad I/DD Advisory (Cardinal Catchment) is a group of parents and providers who have advised LME/MCO leadership for nearly 40 years. We *consider* ourselves advocates for the advocates, whether self-advocates, caregivers, siblings or neighbors.

We have a proud history of collaboration in the community, having designed and launched Beyond Academics with CenterPoint Human Services and the University of North Carolina - Greensboro. We supported retirement programs for elderly members with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and innovative transportation concepts. Further, we provide grants to local disability non-profits in the community.

We have taken on the Registry of Unmet Needs as our singular project. Forsyth County has nearly 800 on the “wait list” and have received no new Innovation Waivers in four years. The average North Carolina wait time is 9.5 years. A twenty year wait for new registrants is unconscionable, developmentally unreasonable, and financially unsound. It also stands firmly against an evidence-base which demonstrates that early intervention results in long-term cost saving and improved quality of life.

Please join us in this state-wide push for equality in funding for home and community-based services for people with I/DD so that they can lead full and meaningful lives.

### **Our Vision**

We hope to better **understand** our dilemma. We hope to **share** what we know and learn. We **advocate** for everyone with disabilities. We **initiate change** at every opportunity.

In the meantime, we all can be better telling our stories. We will be offering networking opportunities, advocacy training, and eventually a plan to begin our work with DHHS, the Legislature, and our local communities. This is not a short term project, as we have much to learn, share and shout. Your voice, growing more forceful with ours, is the key.

### **Going Forward**

As we launch this initiative, we are partnering with other state agencies to expand the I/DD legislative Caucus and increase storytelling. We are spreading our stories, editorials, and solutions across the state.

We know there are other states whose initiatives have gathered success. We learn from them as we grow our network. Your help as volunteers is critical as you bring diverse perspectives from your interactions with various Managed Care Organizations, the Department of Health and Human Services, community agencies, and others who share our passion. Please help us grow the platform of advocacy with your stories and ideas. Support us; Contact Us TODAY! **It's 2Long2Wait!**

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