

# Changing the Face of Disability Services in 2017



Join us as we advocate for community-based services locally and in Richmond. **WE NEED YOU!** This year there are multiple local speaking opportunities and an opportunity to join us on the road to Richmond.

Why advocate with us? Virginia continues to fall short of meeting our requirements under a Dept. of Justice Settlement Agreement to transform and grow our community-based services. In 2017, our General Assembly will consider cutting or adding Waiver slots, funding new Waiver services, early intervention, and other services that are vital to people with disabilities. If we don't speak up, nothing will change.

## RICHMOND TRIP

Hop on a FREE bus leaving The Arc of Northern Virginia at 6:45 AM on the **Tuesday, January 31st for statewide DD Advocacy Day!** We'll spend the day working in small teams and meeting with legislators, then having a rally with disability advocates from across the state. We need people who want to speak, people who want to learn, and anyone who wants to make change to join us. We will return to The Arc around 4 PM. It is a busy, fun day that makes a big impact. Having a crowd makes an impression and ensures we won't be forgotten in Richmond.



This year we will also have several day long trips to Richmond with small groups so our issues aren't forgotten after DD Advocacy Day. Let us know if you'd like to join these casual but important day trips! Dates TBD from January 12<sup>th</sup>-February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## LOCAL OPTIONS



1. We'll attend a **region-wide budget hearing\*** where representatives from all over the region will come to hear about budget priorities, including Waivers. The hearing will be held **Wednesday, January 4, 2017** at 10 AM at Northern Virginia Community College Annandale's Campus at the Ernst Theatre, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003.
2. Fairfax and Arlington residents will be invited to local hearings\* to speak to their Delegates and Senators. **The Arlington Hearing will be Thursday, January 5, 2017** from 6:30-8:30 PM at 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Arlington, VA. **The Fairfax Hearing will be Saturday, January 7, 2017** at the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA at 9 AM.
3. We want you to join us at a series of town halls,\* usually held on Saturday mornings in January and February. Dates TBA. Please contact us to let us know if you're interested in attending or speaking, and we'll help you find an event near you, help you prepare, and attend with you whenever possible. These are local and casual events.

**\*Speakers and attendees needed to show support at all events**

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