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### **THE NEW JERSEY COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT**

TRENTON – The New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities invites members of the public to view an exhibit commemorating forty years of providing resources and self-advocacy training for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

The exhibit will be on display in **Goldfinch Square** at the **New Jersey Statehouse** from **Monday, October 17 to Friday, October 21**. From there, the exhibit will move to the **New Jersey State Library**, where it will be on display on the library's ground level from **Monday, October 24 to Friday, October 28**.

This exhibit will feature key aspects of the Council's activities and mission, showcasing its community outreach initiatives; self-advocacy and family support programs; as well as the work of several grant projects the Council has supported over the years. The multi-table display aims to educate the public on the Council's goals and functions, and to share its vision of a truly inclusive society for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Since its establishment in 1971, the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities has pursued its mandate to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families have every opportunity to participate in the design and implementation of programs, services, and supports that promote self-determination and community inclusion.

Through outreach, leadership and advocacy programs, and through innovative grant projects, the Council works to realize its vision that all individuals with developmental disabilities have the opportunity to be active members of their community; to set real goals and make their own choices; and to exercise the same rights, privileges, responsibilities, and opportunities that any other New Jersey resident enjoys.

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