

OUR ADVOCACY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Partnered with the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) to help families better understand the system and make applying for services easier



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- Created a white paper to share ideas for improving the health and safety of individuals with IDD in DDD supported programs and homes



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- Advocated for wage increases and updated trainings for direct support professionals

- Advocated for students with disabilities to have safe, reliable, and high-quality school transportation

- Collaborated with the Children's System of Care (CSOC) to create flexible summer camp and alternative recreation sessions for children and youth with disabilities



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<https://linktr.ee/njrfspc>
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Empowering individuals
with intellectual and
developmental disabilities
(I/DD) and their families
through education
and advocacy



CURRENT ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

- Protecting the Health and Safety of People with Disabilities Living Outside their Family Home
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- Supporting People with Disabilities and their Families in Planning for the Future as they Age
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- Helping Families Understand and Navigate the Children's System of Care services
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- Promoting Effective Person-Centered Approaches to Planning and Advocacy Throughout the Lifespan



The Regional Family Support Planning Councils (RFSPCs) were created by the 1993 Family Support Act to make sure people with disabilities and their families have a voice in planning and decisions about services. There are 10 RFSPCs representing all of the counties in New Jersey.

Through monthly local meetings, RFSPCs:

- Bring together people with disabilities and their family members to share their experiences accessing the service delivery system and what they have learned along the way.
- Listen to the challenges, concerns, and successes of people with disabilities and their family members and share them with state agencies to improve services and supports.
- Help people with disabilities and their family members understand and navigate complex state systems.
- Share tools and resources that empower people with disabilities and their family members to become effective advocates.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/yc3zkvnu> or scan the QR code to learn more about your local council and how to get involved.



WHY YOU SHOULD GET INVOLVED

Michael Bertram

I enjoy being on the [Regional Family Support Planning] Council because it gives me the opportunity to use my knowledge of the laws and regulations, combined with my lived experience, to help parents navigate the system to get what their child needs to live their best life.

Lisa Fitton

Transitioning from school-based children's services to community-based adult services is often referred to as "falling off the cliff." Being a member of the Monmouth-Ocean RFSPC has been my lifeline. Through my RFSPC, I met people with similar life experiences, who have first-hand knowledge of how to access DDD services, and who know how to effectively advocate for their loved ones with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As a result of my involvement, not only have I made genuine, life-enhancing friendships, I have also become more empowered to effect change, so that others might remain on high ground, as well.

Anonymous

The Regional Family Support Planning Councils are a great source of information; you learn directly from the agencies and sources that create the rules and regulations, as well as though very knowledgeable parents and advocates. The Council has empowered me to help others.