

Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition



Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition is made up of people with disabilities, so we know first-hand the obstacles to getting the right healthcare, secure jobs and reliable, affordable transportation to get around our towns and state.

We empower people with disabilities to use our voices to improve our own lives and advocate for real solutions to ensure we're healthy, working and living our lives.

Make Your Voice Heard

Join the **Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition** to advocate for people with disabilities. Membership is free, letting you:

- Make your voice heard through one-on-one and systems advocacy
- Receive regular action alerts and disability news like what to do about possible benefits changes and other important information
- Learn about opportunities for disability arena jobs, volunteer boards and commissions
- Influence disability policy by contacting elected officials and meeting with decision-makers

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Improving Lives, Improving Systems



“Nothing about us, without us...ever!”



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Why you should join CCDC:

Improving Lives

Brielle – an eight-year-old girl with severe autism – requires at-home care to bathe, dress, eat and stay safe as she whirls, jumps and runs through her world. When Medicaid cut this care, a trained **CCDC** advocate convinced an administrative law judge to reverse the decision so Brielle gets the care she needs and can stay home with her family.

(Janell Bailey, Brielle's mother, pictured below.)



Improving Systems

People with disabilities should be able to live a self-sufficient life. For example, Josh Winkler, volunteer board co-chair, is leading our work to connect us with the education and training we need to secure good jobs and break down barriers. Launching Medicaid buy-in for people with disabilities allowed us to enter the workforce, save money and keep our health care.



Employment Advocacy

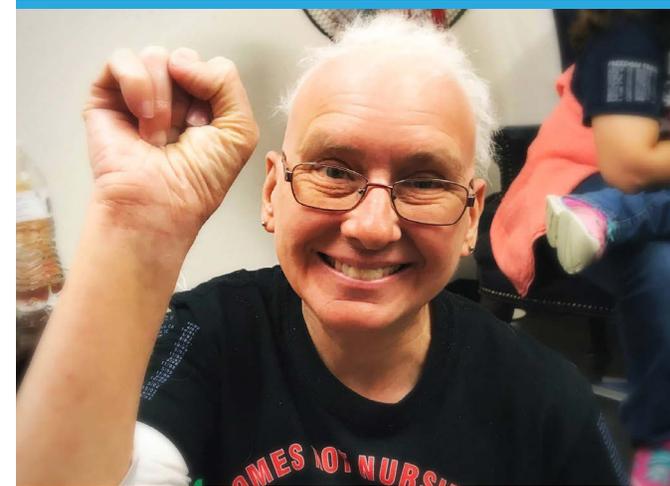
CCDC collaborates with state and local employment agencies to increase our ability to secure training and work opportunities, including the option for working people with disabilities to buy into Medicaid for healthcare coverage.

Accessible Transportation

Public transportation can be the key to living an independent life, but if it's not accessible, affordable and free of discriminatory policies, some of us can't get where we need to go. **CCDC** sits at policy-making tables with RTD and Mile High Connects to ensure our transit systems meet the needs of all of us.

Healthcare and Long-Term Services

People with disabilities often need long-term services, supports, equipment and medical care for everyday life. Many rely on Medicaid as the only national funding source for healthcare and long-term services that supports independence and integration, like wheelchairs and choice of aides.



Become An Advocate

CCDC's trained peer volunteer advocates can not only help solve your problems like Medicaid buy-in enrollment glitches, Medicaid denials or service animal hassles – but also teach you how to be a champion for yourself, others and the community in our 9-week advocate training program.