



Protect
Community Living



Protect Our Right to Community Living:

How do we ensure we have the services & supports needed to live successfully in the community?

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Topic: Community Living: What are the services & supports needed to live successfully in the community?

Summary: Human Beings are born with many individual traits, but two constant characteristics we all share are a desire for love and community. From our first interactions with our parents to meeting our first friends at school, to building a network of people so we can lead a full, meaningful life, all this happens in our communities. Like all humans we, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) deserve and have the right to live in the community and have the services and support needed to lead a meaningful life. In the community, we can get a job, join community activities, rent or buy a house, find love, start a family, and much more. We feel like we live fuller lives when we are included in the community and don't get locked up away in segregated, restrictive congregate settings. We urge our legislators to protect our right to live in the community, and our right to community services

What do We Want to See:

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| No Cuts to Core Services | High Quality Community Services |
| Better Transparency at Community and Institutional Settings | Improved Funding for Supported Living Services |
| A Robust Transportation System | Access to Community Activities and Recreation |

What to Watch for:

HB 2319 Renaming certain state residential facilities for persons with developmental disabilities.

HB 2200: Increasing access to data related to the safety and stability of residential settings for individuals with developmental disabilities.

HB 2230 Streamlining monitoring and oversight activities related to community residential service business providers.

HB 2350 Increasing transparency regarding residential habilitation center compliance with certain federal requirements.

HB 2415 Concerning unexpected fatalities of residents of department of social and health services facilities.

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Action Steps:

Contact your friends, family members & neighbors to inform them about I/DD issues.

People with I/DD belong in the community!

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