

State of New Jersey Office of the Ombudsman for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and Their Families



Our Purpose

The Office helps to make sure that individuals and families with intellectual and developmental disabilities get the services and supports they need and deserve.

We provide **three** main areas of assistance:

- ✓ **Assisting** individuals and families to navigate New Jersey's system of care.
- ✓ **Working** with individuals and families to identify opportunities for improving the system.
- ✓ **Helping** to ensure that the voice of individuals and families is heard in larger policy discussions.



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Our Mission & Approach

We are a small, but energetic, passionate, mission-driven team of professionals, who take a very personal approach to our work.

- Sometimes as advisors.
- Sometimes as advocates.
- Always as partners and resources, often sharing information between those who staff our system of care and those who depend on it.

Realizing the importance of a personal touch, particularly with human service issues, we spend as much time as possible working one-on-one with individuals and families and whenever possible, visiting with them where they live, learn, work, and socialize.

We work directly with and for people with disabilities and their families.

We highlight issues important to people with disabilities and their families.

We connect people to the supports and services they need and deserve.

We support people with disabilities and their families on a full range of issues.

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