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Welcome to the latest edition of INSIGHT, the newsletter of the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD).

In this issue, learn about NACDD's Home Sweet Home education campaign; read about Iowa DD Council's story in NPR; Bridging and Aging Disability Network's meeting; and how you can build relationships and community through our story sharing portal.

If you have ideas and stories you want to share about your DD Council and community, send them to media@nacdd.org.

Home Sweet Home: Your Community. Your Choice.



The DOJ Opinion on Olmstead caused a ripple of concern across the disability community – and rightfully so. The opinion states that the federal government will

disabilities – to live, work, play, worship, and contribute to the community of their choice.

Like the advocates before us who made community living a reality, it's time to educate and build communities to remind everyone that a community that includes everyone, even those with disabilities, is better for everyone.

NACDD's "**Home Sweet Home: Your Community. Your Choice.**" initiative helps people to advocate and build relationships where it matters most – in their hometown. And while it's a complex topic, NACDD provides simple ways for you to start the conversation by providing resources to help you talk to state lawmakers through a relationship-building portal and a community conversation toolkit to help you talk with your neighbors and community members.

Find these conversation-starting resources on [NACDD's website](#).

Learn about Home Sweet Home

Council in The News: Iowa DD Council

When Working More Could Mean Losing Medicaid

An NPR report looks at how Medicaid buy-in programs are creating this dilemma for some workers with disabilities, even as new federal policies place greater emphasis on working to maintain Medicaid coverage. Disability advocates say the rules can discourage people from pursuing higher-paying jobs, promotions and greater financial independence.



In the article, Public Policy Manager Carlyn Crowe of the Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council said the limits can prevent Iowans with developmental disabilities

save are keeping them from doing that."

[Read the story here](#)

Built to Last: BADN Community of Practice Turns Five Years of Work into Staying Power



State aging and disability leaders, self-advocates, and national partners gathered at the American Association of People with Disabilities headquarters in Washington, DC, on August 20–21 for the annual National Community of Practice (CoP) meeting of NACDD's Bridging Aging & Disability Networks (BADN) initiative. Nearly 50 participants from 15 state teams — Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Texas — joined colleagues from the Administration for Community Living, USAging, Brandeis University's Lurie Institute on Disability Policy, the Department of Disability and Human Development at the University of Illinois-Chicago, and NACDD.

This year's theme, Built to Last: Sustaining and Scaling the Bridge Between Aging and Disability Networks, picked up where last year's "doing more with less" conversation left off. Five years in, the CoP has built a robust body of work, including

regional levels.

[Read the blog here](#)

Build Relationships, Share Your Story

People with developmental disabilities have always been part of our communities. NACDD's **We're Here: Then, Now, Always** campaign celebrates that history while looking toward a future where everyone can live, work, connect and belong in their communities.

As part of the campaign, NACDD encourages people with developmental disabilities, family members, advocates and community members to share their stories to build relationships with lawmakers and community leaders by showing up, sharing their experiences and making their voices heard.



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