



*Families for Families*

## Don't Risk Federal Funding & Take Away Hope for People With Disabilities and Seniors

### Reject the Governor's Proposal to Eliminate Community First Choice!

Community First Choice (CFC) provides critical home and community-based Personal Care Attendant services under the state's Medicaid plan. Connecticut receives a Medicaid match, plus a 6% increase, for expenditures related to CFC from the Federal government.

The Arc Connecticut, AARP and other advocates for people with disabilities, support the Community First Choice Option as one of the most meaningful contributions to Connecticut's long-term care rebalancing effort.

#### CFC Checks All the Right Boxes:

- ☒ Offers some people with IDD a chance to get off DDS waiting lists and provides supports to build meaningful & productive lives in the community.
- ☒ Provides cost effective, efficient, person centered services.
- ☒ Supports people with IDD at a fraction of the cost of traditional DDS services.
- ☒ Creates jobs for health and home care service workers.
- ☒ Supports families: CFC participants can hire their own PCA, including most family caregivers to provide services, which helps alleviate the financial burden many caregivers face

**Please Protect Services that Give People with IDD a chance at building a great life in the community!**