



Charlottesville Region Autism Action Group



Three Work Groups

CRAAG formed three **Work Groups** targeted to different populations of adults with developmental disabilities and autism. Each group focuses on expanding housing options, supports and services *for their population*. We are still recruiting additional members for each group, and hope you will consider joining one. This is a great opportunity to meet and connect with other families with similar needs.

The Work Groups are:

24/7 Supports

Target population: Adults who need 24/7 in-person and/or episodic supports.

Primary focus: Identify innovative housing and service strategies to meet unique needs.

Maximizing Independence

Target population: Adults, with and without waivers, who wish to live independently, with supports, outside the family home.

Primary focus: Identify strategies to maximize independence through innovative housing solutions and social engagement.

Preparing for Life After High School

Target population: School-age children and adults in transition from High School (under age 22)

Primary focus: Raise awareness and provide the necessary information and tools to plan for the future.

Goals for Each Work Group

Each Work Group will be co-chaired by a CRAAG parent and a professional. The Work Groups will meet monthly or as needed. These are the common goals for all the Work Groups:

- Recruit participants and assess educational needs.
- Highlight challenges, needs and opportunities.
- Clarify the waiver services available to the target population.
- Address needs of adults with and without waivers.
- Establish network of those with similar challenges and needs.
- Develop models for family-driven and public solutions.
- Identify provider gaps and advocacy needs.
- Maximize social engagement strategies to address loneliness and isolation.

Questions? Interested in joining a Work Group or our Email List, [sign up here](#).

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