

CRAAG'S Top 10 Advocacy Issues

1. Increase provider reimbursement rates for waiver services.
2. Incentivize service providers to expand waiver services.
3. Encourage innovative person-centered housing alternatives.
4. Fully fund the DD Waiver List starting with **Priority One**.
5. Educate/train more licensed/credentialed providers in I/DD fields.
6. Create an appeal process for SIS and algorithm disputes.
7. Research the appropriateness of the SIS for adults with autism.
8. Research the appropriateness of the rates algorithm for adults with autism.
9. Adopt the “menu of services” versus “package of benefits” for waivers.
10. Fully comply with the DOJ Settlement.

Everyone is welcome!

Email **CRAAG** to join the mailing list and receive announcements and alerts about **CRAAG's**:

- ◆ Six Public meetings/year (June, August, October, December, February, and April)
- ◆ Monthly Work Group meetings
- ◆ Special events
- ◆ Advocacy alerts

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CRAAG's mission is to raise awareness and enhance the quality of life for people with autism, developmental disabilities, and their families in Charlottesville, Albemarle, Greene, Fluvanna, Louisa, and Nelson counties.



Charlottesville Region Autism Action Group

Advocating to improve the lives of individuals with autism and developmental disabilities and their families

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What is CRAAG?

With a mailing list of almost 700+ self-advocates, family members, and professionals, **CRAAG** constantly monitors the issues facing individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities.

Active **CRAAG** team members are largely family members of the most underserved group of those with developmental disabilities — *those who range in age from late teens to adulthood!*

CRAAG's team is keenly focused on housing options, supports and services to assist our family members in living as independently as possible — before a crisis means that family members can no longer directly advocate, care and support their loved ones.

In June 2021, **CRAAG** created three **Work Groups** to enhance housing options, supports and services for three distinct target populations:

- ◆ 24/7 Supports
- ◆ Maximizing Independence
- ◆ Preparing for Life After High School

CRAAG's Partners

CRAAG partners with self advocates, family members, public and private providers, and educators, such as:

- ◆ Region Ten CSB
- ◆ CA Human Services
- ◆ The ARC of the Piedmont
- ◆ Supporting Transformative Autism Research (STAR) at UVA
- ◆ Virginia Institute of Autism
- ◆ Faison Center for Autism
- ◆ Dept. of Aging and Rehabilitation
- ◆ Wall Residences
- ◆ PREP/Parent Resource Center
- ◆ Charlottesville Parks & Recreation
- ◆ Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
- ◆ WorkSource Enterprises

*“My son is 18 now and a high school graduate. The High School safety net is behind us, and we have a steep learning curve to understand adult issues and services. Thank goodness for **CRAAG**.”*

—Maureen

Join Us!

CRAAG is a volunteer advocacy group established in 2010 under the auspices of Commonwealth Autism, now CA Human Services. We are expanding outreach and sharpening our advocacy skills to connect with legislators, partner with other allies, interact with media, and air the tough issues in a constructive and effective manner.

- ◆ Email craig1@gmail.com to subscribe to our mailing list and join a Work Group.
- ◆ Like **CRAAG** on Facebook.
- ◆ Check out **CRAAG's** webpage www.cahumanservices.org/for-individuals-families/#ddag.

*“As a parent, I deeply respect individuals with autism and developmental disabilities and their families. As **CRAAG Chairperson**, these needs are my top priority.”*

— Bob

*“I learn so much from all the people who are involved in **CRAAG**. That keeps me engaged.”*

— MaryAnna