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KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS: INNOVATIONS, RESEARCH, NEW PROGRAMS

- Four National Institutes of Health Research Grants with Temple University School of Medicine on healthy lifestyles for individuals with disabilities, with Jeff as Co-Principal Investigator
- The DREAM Partnership: developed to provide technical assistance and start-up funding for colleges to create programs for students with intellectual disabilities and autism (to date funding for seven colleges and universities)
- Coordinated development of “Braided Funding” with ODP, OVR, and PDE to provide for tuition, on-campus support, and other services to make post-secondary education possible for students with disabilities
- Single Point of Contact (SPOC) employment program with OVR and The Hershey Company, to employ more people with disabilities, based on the Walgreens model
- Created LifeFit, a community-based fitness and nutrition program with over 120 individuals now enrolled
- Monitors and Smart Home Technology: Gained approval from DHS and ODP to develop the program with Dauphin and Cumberland-Perry Counties and collaborated with ODP to write the service definition for the 2017 waiver renewal
- Co-founder in 2004 of the Cumberland-Perry Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Task Force, an energetic volunteer group of families, individuals with disabilities, and county officials. Cumberland-Perry was one of the lowest per capita funded counties; the Task Force’s advocacy and planning brought in significant additional funding.
- Member of the PA DHS Rate Setting Work Group 2008-2011, chaired by Executive Deputy Secretary Ted Dallas
- Executive Director of UCP of Pennsylvania (state association) and serves on the Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Services Coalition of Pennsylvania. As a Coalition member, participated in the negotiations with Secretary Mackereth that resulted in the Settlement Agreement in October 2014.