

About NOEWAIT

National Organization to End the Waitlists (NOEWAIT) is a grass-roots, national, social justice movement organized to ensure full opportunity, choices, freedom, and self-determination for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in every community by eliminating extensive and long-lasting waitlists for services in every state. We exist:

BECAUSE

Across the nation, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities wait years for services and supports and can not move freely from state to state or community to community.

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There must be adequate funding for lifetime services and supports needed by our most vulnerable family members, without gaps or delays.

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Funding must be available in all states, portable across and within states and promote self-determination for the individual with the disability, their families and legal guardians.

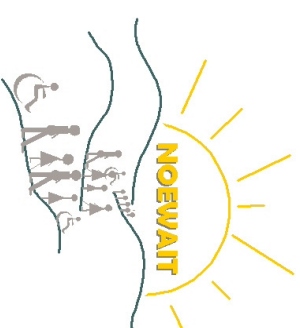
WE PLEDGE

To unite the efforts of families, providers, government agencies, advocacy groups and citizens to change laws and policies across the country and eliminate waiting lists for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

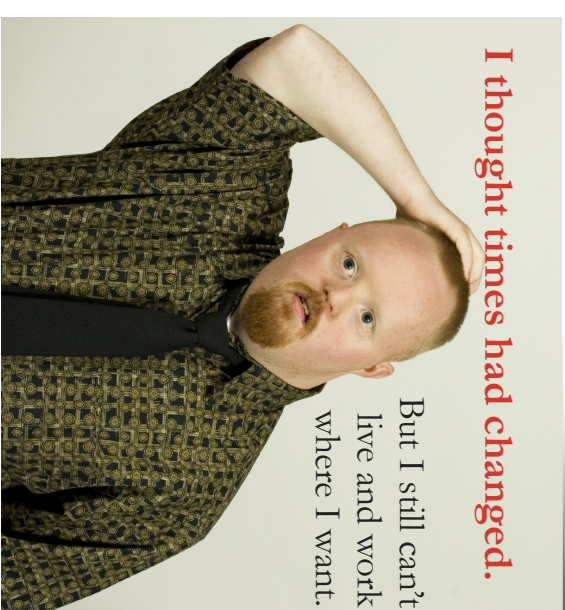
NOEWAIT—dedicated to end the long waitlists for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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I thought times had changed.

But I still can't
live and work
where I want.

**WE CAN,
WE WILL,
WE MUST
END THE
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TOGETHER!!**

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Waitlists are depriving people of their rights to life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness.

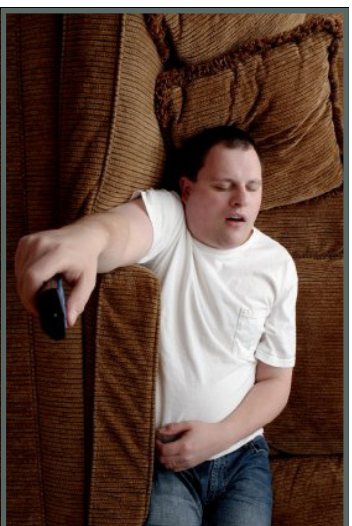
People with developmental disabilities are unable to obtain services to help them to work and cannot obtain housing because state and federal government have failed to fund the necessary services.

Waitlists for services for adults with developmental disabilities are a national disgrace. Some states have over 100,000 adults with extreme needs waiting for services. A few states have passed legislation to end the waitlists, but individuals in most states are fighting for services one person at a time.

NOEWAIT proposes national advocacy, awareness and coordination to solve this issue.

Did You Know?

Over 4 million Americans have developmental disabilities. After they leave school, often at age 21, they move into the adult services category—for job services, day programs, home living situations, respite care, etc. Adult services are funded with “home and community based waivers,” which are markedly underfunded in most states. A young adult may wait years after high school to get services, and a person moving from one state to another must start over on the waitlist!



State waitlists can be longer than 30 years!

Why is This a Problem?

- *Individuals are deprived of their rights - they cannot live and work where they want. Even if they do receive services, those services are not portable from one state to the next.*
- *Individuals lose valuable skills learned in years of training in the schools and in vocational transition programs.*
- *Years are wasted waiting without productive and appropriate programs in place for individuals.*
- *Aging parents are exhausted, lack resources to properly care for their adult children, often take themselves out of the work force to be caregivers, and must fight for services for their children. In many cases around the nation, parents have passed away, leaving their children with nowhere to go.*
- *Society loses the benefit of contributions from the individuals and their parents.*

Please Join Us, Today!

WE NEED YOUR HELP and talents to:

- Gather information about the extent of the waitlist in each state
- Get our message out across the country
- Contact elected officials to get them to take action
- Help us raise money for this valuable cause

NOEWAIT uses the Internet to gather interested people to work together on this cause. Our listserv connects parents, supportive friends, professionals, politicians, and advocacy groups. By uniting and mobilizing, we will gain the influence necessary to demand that Congress eliminate waitlists and allow for portability of services.

What can you do?

Join the Listserv!

email us at NOEWAIT@noewait.net

Share Information!

Donate!

NOEWAIT is currently under the fiscal sponsorship of Family Café, a nonprofit organization. Donations should be sent to:

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