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A Digital Newsletter from NCCDD **January 2021**

Letter from the Executive Director

There is Light Ahead in 2021!

I have high hopes for 2021. I write this even though the first couple of weeks have been extremely challenging.

There is light up ahead. In the coming months, more and more of us will receive the vaccine. We will once again gather in-person. We will get out of our homes, we will see loved ones and we will reconnect. We will also mourn those who have died and help each other heal from the suffering and isolation during the pandemic.

Read More from Talley Wells

Public Policy Update: Election Results *(as of January 15)*

NCCDD's public policy team continues to deliver local, state and federal updates on public policy that affect people with I/DD.

- **State Policy Highlights**
- **Federal Policy Highlights**

Read the Public Policy Update

COVID Vaccine Presentations Recap

The North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD), in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS), hosted three webinars to share information about the COVID vaccine, its rollout phases, and the impact on the disability community throughout the state.

Learn More about COVID Vaccination Plans

Welcome to NCCDD's Chris Hendricks

Helping to develop more leaders in our community around advocacy and policy education is one of the main goals of NCCDD's newest staff member. Chris Hendricks, hired as NCCDD's part-time Public Policy Coordinator, will work to connect disability advocates with North Carolina state leaders.

Hendricks has been a professional speaker and communicator for 15 years. Born in Durham, this North Carolina native describes himself as a driven self-advocate for persons with disability conditions of every age and on multiple levels of community involvement.

Read more about Chris Hendricks

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