

Bill of Rights of Disabled Pennsylvanians

**ADAPT of
Western PA**

Twelve Articles Freedom Rights that will SAVE PA tax dollars:
Meet with ADAPT of Western Pennsylvania, 2011



1. *Fund Freedom First*; Rebalance Long Term Care Services expenditure to at least 50% community care and no more than 50% institutional care.
2. *Conflict of Interest*; Get States and Counties out of the Institutional Long Term Care Business.
3. State Officials should not decide how long citizens with disabilities sit on a toilet; Service Plans must be unique to my personal functional needs and local decision making.
4. Obey the Supreme Court Olmstead Decision of 1999; finish Pennsylvania's Olmstead Plan with no caps on community care costs and no waiting lists; *Waiting Lists Kill*.
5. *My Right to Privacy*; Give me the right to not share personal lifestyle information with Harrisburg computer databases.
6. Fix Long Term Care Enrollment Process; Give us cheaper community care *JUST AS FAST* as high cost nursing home care.
7. Give me Control so I can save tax dollars; Support Consumer-Employer Models of community care through effective funding of programs and wages for a reliable, sustainable workforce.
8. We are Homeless trapped in Costly Medical facilities; The Statewide housing crisis traps us in nursing homes; Rent subsidies, assistive technology, and home modification with ramps and accessible bathrooms will save taxes.
9. *We want to go to Work*; Transportation Services 7 days per week for 18 hours per day so we can pay taxes.
10. Our Right to Self Determination: Centers for Independent Living are owned and operated by Pennsylvanians with disabilities for self-help in our community; give us meaningful funding so we can hire ourselves.
11. *Access is our Civil Right*; Enforce current accessibility laws on all property owned or rented with Pennsylvania Tax dollars, including any government or elected official office, and all polling places.
12. Our Right to Choose our Care giver is taken away by the current Nurse Practice Act; Change the law to give us back our ability to delegate normal, everyday activities that may appear to others as medical procedures.