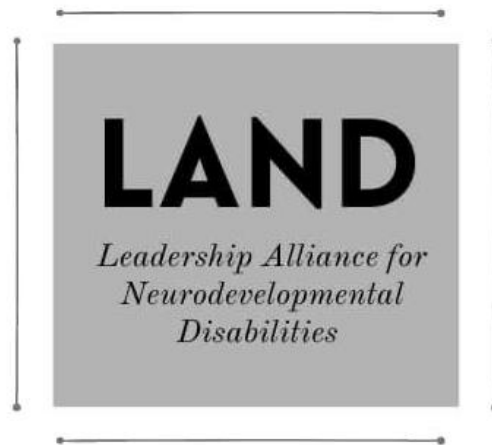


# ***LAND I/DD Policy Education Series:***

## **LIVED EXPERIENCE-GUIDED SYSTEM CHANGE**

**March 4, 2025**



An Initiative of the  
Mental Health Transformation Alliance

Joining & raising  
the voices of  
lived experience  
for policy change



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# Who is LAND?

*Leadership Alliance for Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LAND)*

<https://mh-ta.com/land>



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## Our Mission

Advocate for system-level changes, policies, and practices to improve the lives of individuals living with neurodevelopmental disabilities across the lifespan using a consistent, cross-systems framework that promotes universal screening, evidence-based practice, family focus, and peer support.

## Our Vision

All individuals and families impacted by a broad range of neurodevelopmental disabilities can easily obtain the integrated services and community supports they require to reach their fullest potential.

## Founded by People with Lived Experience (I/DD & MH) in 2020

- Formed in response to need to fill services/supports information and navigation gaps for families
- Grassroots coalition for system change
- Led by LAND Advisory Council; national organization based in NC
- An initiative of 501c(3) Mental Health Transformation Alliance (MHTA)
- Reaches across agencies, disabilities, ages, level of need, lifespan, region, marginalized communities

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## Our Values

- Equal voice at the table
- Respect for all people and opinions
- Check your personal “hat” when you come to the table for the good of all
- No one size fits all
- **People with lived experience are the experts in their care**

## Backbone organization of the collective impact initiative, Meet The Need NC

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- Four-year grant from NC Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD), ending September 2025
- Advisory Collaborative, Workplan Task Force, LENS (Lived Experience Network Speaks)
- Focused on Innovations Waitlist elimination, Direct Care / Direct Support Professional (DSP) workforce growth, and protection of Medicaid for I/DD Community
- Webinars, newsletters, I/DD Caucus, Innovations Pathway
- Meet The Need NC website and social media

# Examples of Our Work



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Changing the I/DD landscape across the state

# THE WAITING ROOM

HOSTED BY KENNETH KELTY



Watch the Webinar!

**Learnings for Grassroots Advocacy: From the Americans with Disabilities Act to the Olmstead Decision**  
**TODAY'S TOPIC & PRESENTER**

**John Nash**  
Executive Director  
The Arc North Carolina

**Featuring the NC Waiver Implementation Team:**  
Bill Donohue - Matt [redacted] - Sarah Potter - Deborah Woolard

**MEET THE NEED NC**  
Changing the I/DD landscape across the state

**HOST**  
**Beth Field, M.S., Program Director**  
Leadership Alliance for Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LAND), a program of the Mental Health Transformation Alliance & Meet the Need NC

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**LAND**  
Program of the Mental Health Transformation Alliance

## INNOVATIONS WAIVER PATHWAY

Follow along on this Pathway to learn the basics about how you can prepare to get services for you or a family member who has an intellectual or other developmental disability (I/DD) and what to expect as you go through the process.

If you or a loved one suspect or have been diagnosed with I/DD, we welcome to join us on the Innovations Waiver Pathway. Everyone is welcome. You are not alone. We are in this together. It is never too late or early to think intentionally about the steps to be put in place now, to prepare for you or your loved one to live in the community or at home if that is your choice.

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# I/DD Legislative Caucus Listening Session

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

12 PM to 2 PM



## I/DD LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS LISTENING SESSION

WEDNESDAY

March 26, 2025



TIME

12 PM - 2 PM



NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3rd Floor - Auditorium

Legislative Building

16 W. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC



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# Today's Policy Institute

## Welcome

Beth Field, M.S., Founder

*Leadership Alliance for Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LAND)*

## Keynote: Advocating for Impact

Ray Hemachandra, *National I/DD Advocate*

## Why Advocate?

Kenneth Kelty, *Self Advocate*

## How to Contact Your Legislators

Cheryl Powell & Ann Rodriguez, *LAND Advisory Council*

## Why Medicaid is Important to the I/DD Community

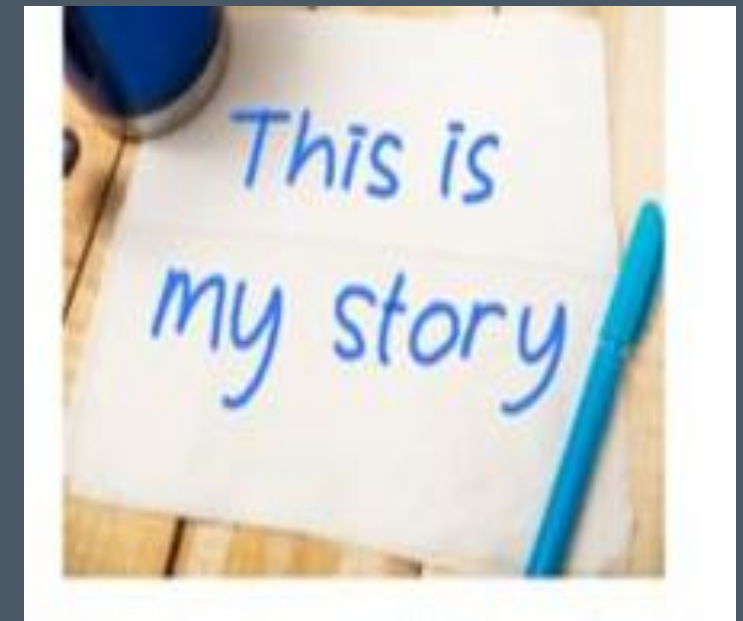
Talley Wells, Executive Director

*NC Council for Developmental Disabilities*

## Legislative Panel



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# NCGA Legislative Panel

Rep Zack Hawkins

*I/DD Caucus*

*31<sup>st</sup> District*

Rep Sarah Crawford

*66<sup>th</sup> District*

Rep Maria Cervania

*41<sup>st</sup> District*





“Change never happens at the pace we think it should. It happens over years of people joining together, strategizing, sharing, and pulling all the levers they possibly can.”

JUDY HEUMANN

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