

The **New York Alliance for Developmental Disabilities (NYADD)** is a statewide, grassroots, family-led advocacy collective dedicated to supporting individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and the families who love and care for them. NYADD is 100% non-partisan, independent, and collaborates with legislators and organizations who champion our causes.

Mission-NYADD Regional Leads advocate for policies that empower family advocates, self-advocates, and those who cannot advocate for themselves to reclaim their seat at the table.

NYADD's community includes more than **18,000 members**, representing a broad range of lived experiences across service systems, age groups, and levels of need.

Our Advocacy Focus

- Elevating family and caregiver voices
 - Expanding housing access and options
 - Promoting self-advocacy and individual rights
 - Strengthening and stabilizing the workforce
 - Supporting people with complex needs
 - Ensuring safety in all care settings
 - Improving quality, transparency, and accountability
 - Expand HES for protection and communication
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2026 Legislative Priorities

A4765/S4871-Relates to the duties of the Independent Developmental Disabilities Ombudsperson Program, including protections, transparency, and accountability for individuals and families.

A6021/S4841-Establishes the Blue Ribbon Commission on the future of New York State's service delivery system for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

A8633/S7826-Directs all school districts in New York State to establish Parent Advisory Councils on Special Education, ensuring consistent family engagement and a formal seat at the table.

A1967A/S7190- Relates to the use of electronic monitoring devices to monitor residents in assisted living residences and patients in nursing homes

NYADD believes amplifying the voices of those with lived experience is essential to achieving meaningful change.

Our Voices Matter.