



The Arc of New Jersey is incredibly saddened by the passing of our long-time Mainstreaming Medical Care Director Beverly Roberts. Bev worked for The Arc of New Jersey for 33 years, touching thousands of lives along the way and staunchly advocating for both global policy changes and specific individual challenges encountered by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. An absolute wealth of information, Bev was the guru on everything related to Medicaid, Social Security and health insurance. She understood deeply complex issues and was able to break them down in a way that even us non-experts could comprehend them. She spent hours on the phone with families helping them navigate complicated entitlement programs and their related rules, and assisting many with her healthcare advocacy. Whether it was fighting for families who needed more private duty nursing hours to care for a loved one with very intense needs, or explaining the rules of WorkAbility to an individual with disabilities looking for employment, Bev was the person to call.

She always fought so hard for people with IDD. She believed our role as advocates was to fight back against any injustice, whether it impacted all New Jersey residents with disabilities, or only just a handful. She was an incredible person who cared greatly about the people we serve. We will miss her unwavering advocacy, her extraordinary intellect and her drive to make New Jersey the best possible place for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. But mostly, we will miss Bev - a wonderful person and our beloved friend and colleague. We will miss her very much and we will work hard every day to carry on her incredible legacy.