



## **Statement from the CCD Board of Directors on the Passing of Julie Beckett**

CCD joins others in the disability community in mourning the passing of Julie Beckett. Julie's advocacy on behalf of her daughter Katie led to the first Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver. For the rest of her life, together with her daughter Katie and via the founding of Family Voices, Julie continued to advocate for the services that children and adults with disabilities needed to live in their own homes and communities. While we have much further to go to ensure everyone has access to the services they want, especially people of color with disabilities, we are so grateful for Julie's advocacy over the past several decades and the progress she helped to achieve.