

## ADVOCACY ALERT



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We have been told that Health and Human Services will be having a Rules and Regulations meeting on Thursday to finally move the Autism Waiver into action. This bill was passed nearly 3 years ago and to date has yet to be implemented. This bill was created to provide early intensive treatment for Nebraska's children.

There is word that there may be a group voicing opposition to some aspects of the waiver. The Autism Society has been asked to help fill the room with parents, professionals, and advocates to show our support for the measure.

The meeting will be at the State Office Building Downtown. This is 301 Centennial Mall South and the 1:00pm meeting will be in the lower level conference room A.

There will be a couple of speakers detailing the history of the waiver and explaining our desperate need for it to finally become a reality. They will be wearing red and have asked us to join in by filling the room with red. Please do everything you can to attend. You don't have to speak, but you do need to be seen!

Thank you to everyone who is able to attend and help represent our community!

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