

ADVOCACY ALERT



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One last message on Thursday's Autism Waiver meeting!

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.

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.

Chrissy McNair, a fellow parent advocate, will be there to meet with parents outside of Conference Room A at 12:50pm. She will provide a basic update to everyone before the group enters the meeting. There will be a couple of speakers during the meeting detailing the history of the waiver and explaining our desperate need for it to finally become a reality.

This meeting is important but not necessarily something you should plan to travel miles to attend. Chrissy has expressed that if families are unable to attend they can still send a short paragraph to her and she will gladly represent your statements to the committee. Please send your statement to cmcnair@neb.rr.com as soon as possible.

For those who are able to attend the meeting please be sure and wear **red**. Our hope is to have a **room full of red** to show that our community is rallied around the cause!

Thank you to everyone! This is an exciting time as we are hopefully ready to see this waiver come to life!

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