

# Visionary Voices

## History of the Intellectual Disability Movement in Pennsylvania



**Collecting the stories of those who lead the intellectual disabilities movement in Pennsylvania—through interviews, photographs and papers.**

Pennsylvania has played an important and historically significant role in the creation of public policy that has changed the way people with intellectual disabilities live. From the right to education, to the closing of institutions and the movement toward self-determination, Pennsylvanians with disabilities, family members, and advocates have paved the way for national policy reform.

**Visionary Voices preserves the stories of these pioneers**

**These stories are told through:**

### Interviews

- First hand accounts of the events that changed the lives of people with intellectual disabilities in Pennsylvania

### Archives

- The collected papers of individuals integral to the intellectual disabilities movement in Pennsylvania. Currently, Temple University and the Institute house the collected papers of attorney and advocate Dennis Haggerty.

### Performance

- Inspired by the stories collected during the Visionary Voices interviews, a live performance piece will dramatize the effort needed, predominately by parents, to effect change for people with disabilities.

**To view the interviews and learn more about Visionary Voices:**

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