



Changing the Law in Illinois: A Roadmap to Freedom for People with Disabilities



Who Are We? (Presenters)

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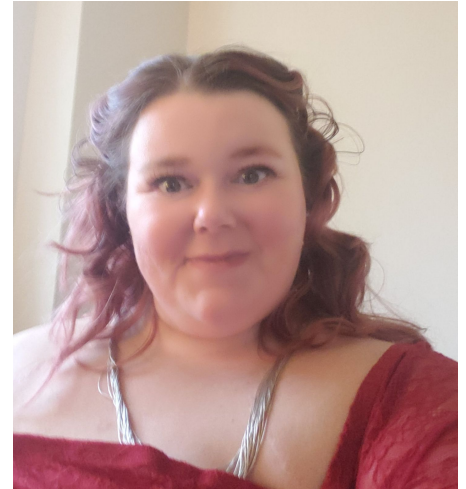
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What is IRRC?

The Institutional **RESCUE** and **RECOVERY** Coalition (IRRC) is led by people with disabilities, including people living in facilities.

Together, we demand **RESCUE** of people with disabilities from facilities.

We also demand **RECOVERY**. We need a system where all people with disabilities can get all of the care they need in the setting that works best for them.

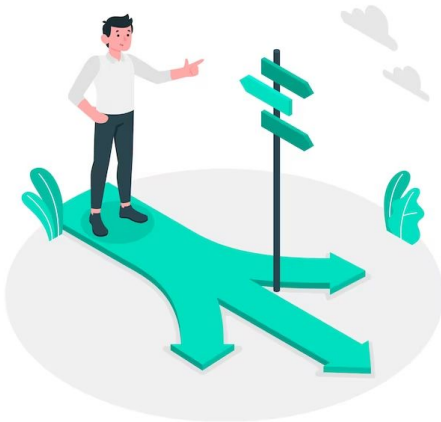
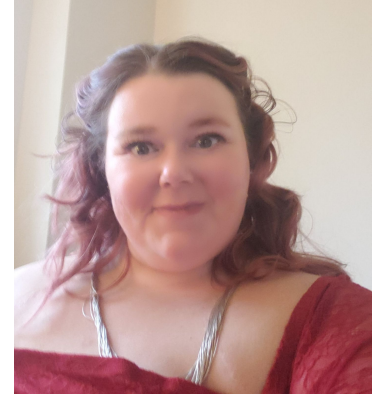


Why is IRRC at SUSO?

It's time for a **new direction**.

Together, we build more power!

Together, we win justice for ALL of us!



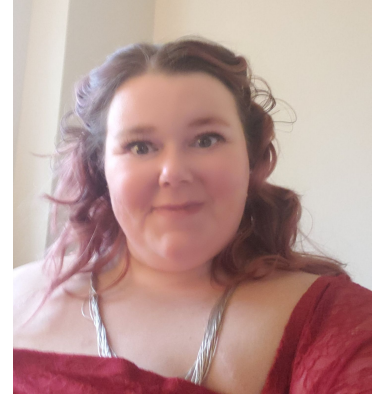
Why do we do this?



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“I’m Just a Bill” from Schoolhouse Rock!



How to Humanize Long-Term Care (Community)

All of us deserve to get long term care at home and in the community - if that's what we want.

- **Illinois needs a New Directions Task Force to make a plan.**
- **Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) must be easy to get.**
- **Don't make people go to facilities if they don't need or want to.**
- **The plan must include housing that doesn't cost too much, great care, and the freedom to Speak Up and Speak Out!**



How to Humanize Long-Term Care (Facilities)

As we fight to make the system better, some people are still stuck in facilities.

- **Everyone needs the freedom to speak up for themselves and others, without getting hurt for it. It's everyone's right.**
- **Everyone needs a safe place to live and great care.**
- **Everyone needs to be able to keep more of their money.**



What is Retaliation in Facilities?

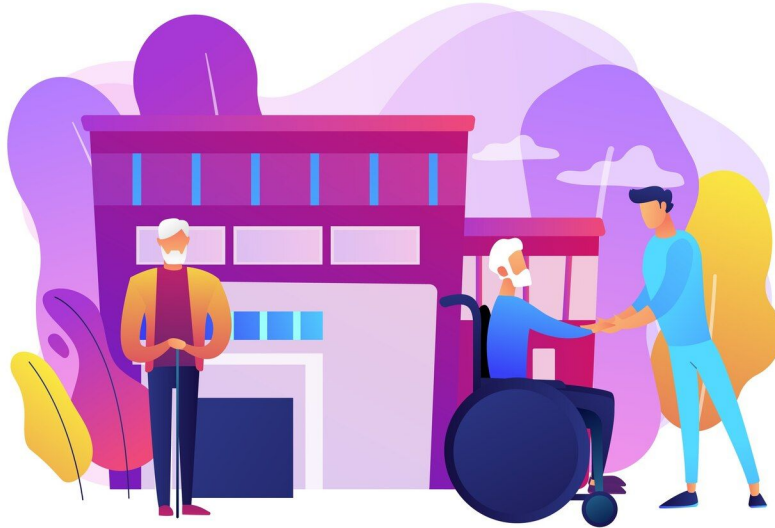
Retaliation is when:

1. You ask for what you need.
2. People say or do things to hurt you or make you sad.



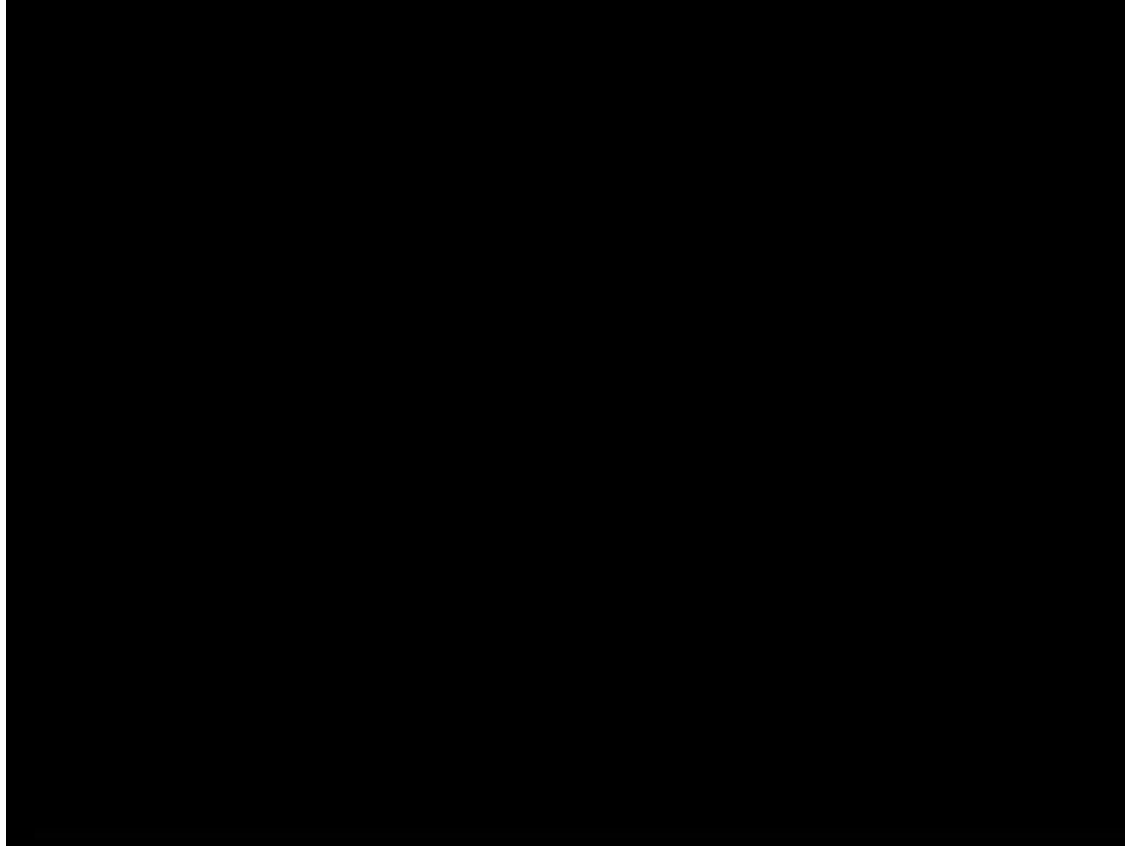
Let's Talk About Retaliation: Skits

Ebony is playing a resident.



Barb is playing her nurse.

Humanize Long-Term Care Video: Retaliation



What We Did

- We talked with people.
- We talked with groups.
- We talked with legislators.



- We went to Springfield.
- We worked out what we could get done.

What We Did – Writing a Bill

When IRRC went to Springfield, we met with Illinois Representative Anna Moeller.

She cares a lot about what happens to people with disabilities and older people.

Representative Moeller worked with IRRC to make the bill and keep it going in Illinois.



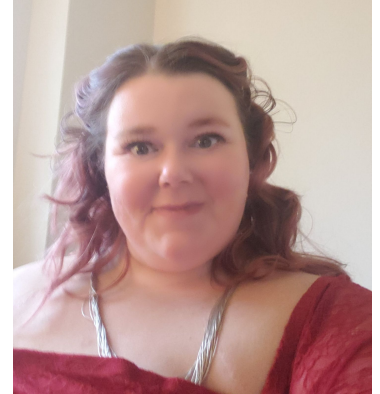
Where We Are Now With the Bill

In January, the House will vote on

- A New Directions Task Force
- A law to stop retaliation

Then we need people (like YOU!) across the state to ask Senators to vote YES.

Senate leaders get LOTS of money from facility owners, so it will take many many voices to win.



How We WIN Freedom and Dignity

- **Talk with lawmakers, government groups, and groups that support people with disabilities to make a good bill that helps people.**
- **Tell you about the bill, so you can talk to your family and friends, use social media, write to newspapers, and get on the radio and tv – to help it pass!**
- **Sometimes, the best answer is to protest!!**
- **Go to Springfield to work with legislators to get the bill passed.**



Why Join the 'Humanize' Campaign

People with disabilities and older people want freedom to get the care they need in their homes or in the community - not facilities.

Wealthy facility owners want to keep us inside, and keep their power and profit.

Lawmakers decide the rules.

Telling your own story helps lawmakers understand what we need.



People in facilities Need YOUR Help!

Will you help to Humanize Long-Term Care?

If you want to learn more and help pass great laws, email, call, or text IRRC.



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