



William A.B. Ditto, MSW, LSW Public Leadership Award

Each year Community Access Unlimited presents an award for outstanding support and advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities and youth aging out of foster care. This year, CAU is proud to honor Bill Ditto.

Bill Ditto has been the Director of the Division of Disability Services of the New Jersey Department of Human Services since 1997. He has over 32 years of experience in designing and administering disability and aging services and joined the staff of the Department of Human Services in 1985. The Division of Disability Services is New Jersey's top agency for brain injury services and oversees the Medicaid Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver and serves as staff to the NJ Advisory Council on Traumatic Brain Injury. The division also administrates the NJ TBI Fund. Mr. Ditto is the current President of the National Association of Head Injury Administrators.

The Division of Disability Services is the main point of entry for people with disabilities, and also administers the New Jersey Medicaid personal assistant services program, three home and community-based Medicaid waiver programs serving people with disabilities and four major grant funded projects. Mr. Ditto is the Project Director for the NJ Medicaid Infrastructure Grant, the NJ Cash and Counseling Demonstration, and the CMS Real Choice Systems Change Grant.

Mr. Ditto's main areas of experience are long term care, community based services for people with disabilities, consumer directed services, and innovative human services projects. He has presented at conferences and meetings throughout the country on these topics, and has also testified before legislative committees on consumer-directed services, brain injury services, respite, and employment incentives for people with disabilities.

Mr. Ditto completed his undergraduate work at Monmouth College in New Jersey and holds a Master of Social Work from Rutgers University, where he served as an adjunct faculty member for 20 years.

It is an honor to bestow the Public Leadership Award upon William A.B. Ditto.