

# Speak Out Against Housing Discrimination!

**When:** December 19, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** Wilson Building, City Council  
Aging and Community Affairs  
Room 412, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

**What:** Testify Against Proposed DC Council Bill 19-0516: The Advisory  
Neighborhood Commission Residential Facility Notification Amendment Act

**How:** Come to the hearing! Sign up to testify! Call City Council!

**Why:** This bill discriminates against people with disabilities!

## What is Bill 19-0516?

- This bill would require D.C. government provide 30 days notice to ANCs of the potential location of any community-based residential facility.
- These “facilities” include emergency shelters, community residential facilities, intermediate care facilities, substance abuse homes and even youth residential care provided to only one child.

## How Does B19-0516 Violate the Civil Rights of People with Disabilities?

- This bill singles out housing for people with disabilities and creates intrusive requirements that do not apply to other District residents. It illegally treats people with disabilities differently and creates additional hurdles for no specific legitimate reason.
- This legislation was created in response to community bias against people with disabilities. Neighborhood notification is not imposed upon any other family residential unit.

## How Would Bill 19-0516 Would Be a Deterrent to Community Integration?

- This bill could prevent needed housing for people in need of assistance and support.
- The District already sends hundreds of children out of state for “treatment.” This bill could make it easier to contract with facilities out of state than it would be to provide services in children’s home community.
- The bill would violate the privacy rights of people with disabilities, domestic violence survivors, minors, and those with a history of substance abuse. Disclosing this private information not only violates their rights, but also would likely subject individuals with disabilities to harassment and unwarranted intrusions. Identifying children living in the community who are in need of treatment or services unnecessarily stigmatizes them.

For more information, please contact University Legal Services, 202-547-0198.

To sign up to testify, call Mr. Garret King, Committee Director, at (202) 741-0948, or by fax at (202) 741-0911, or via e-mail at [gking@dccouncil.us](mailto:gking@dccouncil.us), and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Friday, December 16, 2011.