

Laurie Williams

Laurie is the founder of Collaborative Community Housing Initiative (CCHI). Laurie and her husband Rick have one adult son Zachary, who inspired them to form CCHI. Laurie is leading this grassroots movement to create inclusive living options with a group of volunteer families and stakeholders throughout the country. By collaborating with educators, organizations, housing specialists, and urban planners, CCHI is encouraging public dialogue regarding inclusion, as well as creating space for community problem solving regarding affordable housing for people with IDD. By researching and visiting various living models around the world, they learned that creating neighborhoods where everyone can thrive is possible! Laurie is committed to building a more equal, diverse, inclusive, and welcoming community for people of all abilities. In addition to working full time as a Corporate Recruiter, Laurie is involved in the National Fragile X Association as an event organizer, speaker, and mentor.