

*Julie Beckett, Advocate*

Julianne O'Connell Beckett graduated with a BA from Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa and a MA from University of Dayton, Ohio. She taught high and junior high before her daughter Katie was born three months premature. She carried the health insurance, so she spent the three years Katie was in the hospital commuting between home, hospital, school, hospital. In 1981, she came to the attention of the country thru our Congressman Tom Tauke and then President Ronald Reagan.



Julie was hired at the University of Iowa, Child Health Specialty Clinics in 1984 and just recently retired after 34 years of service. She co-founded Family Voices, a national, non-profit parent group having chapters in every state. She also help get the Family Opportunity Act passed in 2005 establishing the Family-to-Family Health Information Canters, which are now also in every state and the District of Columbia. She currently consults with Amerigroup, an MCO, as a disability consultant.