

RESPONSES BY PAD-CO PARTICIPANTS TO “HOW HAS PAD-CO HELPED YOU?”

I have received incredible information and ways to find information as well as emotional support for the trials and tribulations of navigating the IDD systems

It's been a very informative resource for both my son and myself

PAD-CO provided great information for SSI spending and reporting (payee).

Having the backbone and strength of PAD-CO has allowed us to make significant changes to laws and regulations - I remember when testifying at a legislative hearing, one lady asking incredulously, "Just WHO ARE you PAD-CO people?"

Denver had the courage and imagination to start this listserve at a time when there was nothing for the parents of adult children with disabilities - over the past 20 years he has provided the energy and leadership to keep it going.

PAD-CO group helped with advise from members when I was having issues with SSI and Medicaid during my daughter's transition from pediatric to adult care. Awesome group!

Helped my son find a new agency and host home.

Through PAD-CO, I was exposed/introduced to topics/issues/perspectives to consider as support for my adult daughter + parents/advocates, with on-the-ground, in-the-trenches experience.

The information and support have been awesome.

Information and support from parents who care.

Place to find resources and support.

PAD-CO is so valuable for sharing information that all of us on the journey need as we navigate the needs of our loved ones.

PAD-CO members help me think through tough questions.

I learned about the ABLE account on PADCO in 2021 and opened an account months before my daughter went missing, and we couldn't spend her SSI that kept coming; she was found last week and all that money stayed safely in the ABLE account, waiting for her, and boy does she need it now! Thank you!

I was overwhelmed at the prospect of my autistic son turning 18 last year, but discovered PAD-CO just in time to help get through important 'transition' issues.

I am not alone.

Helped so many ways: great support when my son died; learned tons about laws & Colo policies; now learning about inclusive housing for people with disabilities; always see VERY CARING families on PAD-CO, the BEST ONLINE SITE FOR PARENTS OF ADULTS !! from Gerrie in Lakewood

I'm new to PAD-CO. I am slowly learning about housing and other supports for my adult son.

Amazing depth of knowledge and experience. Answers for all my questions!

Yes!

The incredible wealth of knowledge from parents who truly know more about how the system works for the disabled, than the people employed to help. They have a cross knowledge that is unbelievably helpful and relevant. Plus, there's unconditional love and empathy. I am SO grateful!

Honest, truthful, wisdom, actual help.

Knowing Denver has been a highlight of my life.

In the 20 years I've been a parent to a special needs child I have never come across a group that has been more helpful in regards to finding and understanding available resources.

information and suggestions and encouragement,

thanks

PAD-CO rocks! They are the go-to for resources and connections.

I haven't found anything to assist me in the situation with my daughter. However I've seen a lot of work put into this group.

I recently joined PAD-CO. In a matter of weeks I've gotten answers to questions I've had over the past year! I am so thankful to have this resource at my fingertips. Better late than never!!! Thank you everyone for sharing your journeys and insights!

PAD-CO has provided guidance throughout our journey.

Wise advise from other parents that have dealt with similar issues

Advise and experiences from people who have walked before me in dealing with an adult with disabilities

PAD-CO is a wonderful collection of parents with children of all ages who have a disability. It is a great source of information and support.

Learning from my peers.

PAD-CO IS AN AMAZING RESOURCE! Best thing is personal response from members.

Gerrie helped me get CDASS problems answered at state level!

Connect with people and information that has made action on behalf of my son with IDD possible.

It has helped me enormously when my child became an adult and I could find lots of resources in Pad-co. Thank you!

The very best resource for understanding challenges and offering advice.

What PADCO did and does is connect families with grown children to the experiences of each other in

raising that child. No other list serve does that.

Padco has introduced me to important, relevant topics that I had never even heard of and added to my knowledge of all other topics that are so important as my child becomes 18.

Parents sharing their journey parenting an adult with a disability discussing issues, sharing resources, when they can, stepping out to advocate for the larger community. Parents such as Denver and Nora help us all realize how far we have come and where we need to go.

Specific and extremely helpful information regarding Section 8 vouchers and the SIS evaluation.

PAD-CO provided a place of community with a lot of help and no judgment, a source to understand common issues and to collectively tackle systemic changes, and with some amazing leadership to see and address future needs.

Community!

PAD-CO, has helped us tremendously with resources, connections and community; a true God send

PADCO has been an endless supply of critical support and information for my family.

YES!!! So many LIVED experiences, so many resources shared. I am grateful for you All!

This is my invaluable, safe, shared experience community.

It helps to know, as the parent of an adult with special needs, that I am not alone.

Having a place to gain from other parents' wisdom and experience.

Knowing that I'm not alone has given me such hope.

Practical information and advice for specific situations.

Connecting with other parents/caregivers for resources/support

I'm rather new to the group, but just reading the questions and answers from everyone has been helpful.

I've only known about padco for a couple weeks... I won't wish I had known one to two years ago... I'm grateful for it now! So much information from so many Great people!

PADCO connects our family with information, people, and resources that help us navigate the complex laws and programs that our son depends upon to meet his needs.

A great resource for hearing feet on the street lived experience

Amazing to connect with other parents who deal with the same

This group gave me hope for our families future.

PADCO meetings provided an opportunity to find a community of support and hope.

As a parent to a son reaching adulthood, the resources and people on pad-co have been invaluable.

Had wonderful opportunities to meet with other parents and learn their experiences

Kept abreast of current activities and programs in the IDD systems and was able to better advocate for good programs and services.

It has kept me connected to other parents and their struggles and successes so I didn't feel alone!

I HAVE BENEFITTED GREATLY FROM THE PAD-CO MEMBERS WHO HAVE SHARED THEIR DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMPLEX SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS THAT I HAVE HAD TO NAVIGATE ON BEHALF OF MY ADULT SON WITH CP AND IDD.

PAD-CO has been a good place to find support and friendships from those that "live in the world of disabilities", where you feel like no question is too small to ask.

I wish I had found PAD-CO earlier!

PAC-CO has helped me find resources based on the experience of seasoned parents.

I've always felt a kinship and have been treated as a full person and appreciated by other members.

It's helped me to NOT feel ISOLATED (my 2 words!) Thx!

Wisdom and kindness of other parents who had already been through transition to adult process.

I am not alone

PADCO connects me with other families who have a world of experience and I get to benefit from their wisdom and learn their names so when we see each other in person at a state advocacy stakeholder meetings it is like greeting an old friend.

Pad-co enables us to get help and advice from other parents who may be dealing with similar issues in regards to our kids.

The support and knowledge of others with adult children with disabilities have gotten me through some of the toughest days of my life.

Pad-co has helped us keep up with what is going on at the State level in regards to services for our special needs kids.

It has educated me so very much.

We were helped in navigating the transition to adult services by the wonderful advice given to us by parents who had been through it as understood the waivers and systems. Thank You!!

Connecting with other parents to solve any challenges with supports for my adult daughter.