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As a parent of an adult son who has Down Syndrome, Rosalie Edes has been a well-known advocate for high quality community-based person-centered services for almost 40 years. She was instrumental in developing the Early Intervention Family Rights Program, the EI Parent Leadership program, the Family TIES parent-to-parent network and as Director of Family & Community Support at the Dept. of Public Health, she oversaw the statewide care coordination system for children with special health care needs.

She also served as both Deputy and Assistant Secretary for Disability Policies and Programs at the Executive Office of Health & Human Services, where she oversaw the work of the four disability agencies (DDS, MassAbility, MCB & MCDHH), was a key player in the development of Home & Community Based Waiver Services, and coordinated the statewide Autism and Brain Injury Commissions.

Rosalie has been CEO and President of two disability provider agencies: Minute Man Arc for Human Services in Concord and Cape Abilities in Hyannis and has also served as the Long-Term Services and Supports Program Manager for Commonwealth Care Alliance's *One Care* and *Senior Care Options* Programs.



She holds a Bachelor's degree from Barnard College, Columbia University, a M.S. in Counseling from Fitchburg State University and a C.A.G.S. in School & Counseling Psychology from Anna Maria College. Among other honors and awards, she is the proud recipient of an *Impact and Achievement Award* from the Advocates for Autism of Massachusetts and was recognized by The Arc of Massachusetts on their 60th Anniversary as one of 60 individuals statewide who provided *outstanding service and contributions to advancing the disability movement*.

Rosalie's work focuses on helping families and individuals with disabilities become more knowledgeable about their options and how to navigate the service system and advocate for supports that will achieve their personal goals. She advises and consults on the services and supports provided by state disability agencies and MassHealth and is also available to assist the family with monitoring the services their loved one receives and to facilitate the development of current and future person-centered plans for supports that combine publicly-funded services with community-based resources.