

**Carole L. Sherman
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Carole L. Sherman is a wife and the mother of three adult children. Her oldest, John, aged 43, suffered severe brain injury at birth, resulting in life-long, profound cognitive-developmental disabilities. He is able to walk but has the mental function of a toddler. For many years his home has been a Medicaid-certified Intermediate Care Facility, the Arkadelphia Human Development Center in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

EDUCATION & WORK EXPERIENCE

- *UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS, B.A. ENGLISH, 1964.**
- *U.S PEACE CORPS (1964 - 1966) ITAM, NIGERIA**
- * LEGAL ASSISTANT, OFFICE MANAGER, W. F. SHERMAN, ATTORNEY (PRESENT)**

EARLY EXPERIENCE IN ADVOCACY

- Instrumental in the founding of Arkansas' Chapter of the National Autism Society; obtained training funds for the state's Child Developmental Center staff
- Autism Society of Arkansas, Co-founder and First Chapter President
- Member, Arkansas' Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Developed with the Little Rock Public Schools the first after school programs and twelve-month year programs for school aged children with severe disabilities.
- Camp Aldersgate Board, secured funding for Camp Aldersgate's first respite care program, which provided over-night weekend relief for Arkansas families & their children with severe disabilities. This program continues to this day.

PRESENT ADVOCACY WORK

Families & Friends of Care Facility Residents, Arkansas' statewide parent-guardian association; founding member; present position - Public Affairs Chairman

- Attends relevant legislative Hearings; Reviews notices and documents regarding public policies for persons with severe and profound cognitive-developmental disabilities; provides information to 18 member Board and the membership; prepares & presents testimony for relevant legislative committees; prepares and submits information to Arkansas Congressional Delegation and State leaders

National Parent-Guardian Task Force on Public Policies for Individuals with Severe and Profound Mental Retardation, a network of families from sixteen states

- Reviews documents and notices; prepares and submits comments in response to Federal Register; submits letter reports to congressional members