Disability Rights NC is currently engaged in five cases in federal court that impact the ability of people with disabilities to live independently in the community. Three are related to Medicaid services and two are employment discrimination.

We also continue to monitor the State's implementation of the settlement agreement between North Carolina and the U.S. Department of Justice. The settlement agreement requires the state to develop community based services that would support people with mental illness who living in Adult Care Homes. Several new service definitions are in the process of being developed – all of which will provide support for independent living.

Disability Rights NC is also following up on voting issues that were raised during the Presidential election. Specifically we are looking challenges raised related to guardians.

We also continue several legally based challenges to accessible movie theatres and the failure of Medicaid approved health care providers to engage sign language interpreters for their deaf patients.