

Time	Description	Presenter(s)
8:00-9:00	Registration, Breakfast and Exhibit Hall (Main Lobby)	
9:00-9:35 Grumman Auditorium	Welcome & An Update on HOPE NC's Work to Create Inclusive Communities	Laura Wells, HOPE NC Executive Director Collin Flake, Community Facilitator Suvya Carroll, North Street Resident
9:35-10:55 Grumman Auditorium	Keynote Discussion: Advocacy is for Everyone	Liz Weintraub, Senior Advocacy Specialist Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) Scott Badesch, former president/CEO, Autism Society of America
10:55-11:05	Break	
11:05-12:20	AM Breakout sessions: Choose 1	
Room: Redbud	Breakout Session A: What do recent state and federal decisions on Medicaid and HUD mean for the future of I/DD housing and supports?	Jonathan Kappler, NC DHHS Stephanie Watkins-Cruz, North Carolina Housing Coalition
Room: Bellflower	Breakout Session B: NC Inclusive Housing Coalition: How organizations and parent-led groups are working across NC on I/DD housing	Margaret Gaffney, Indie Tree (Charlotte) Eric Clement, LivingHope (Wilkesboro) Dave Curro, Midtown Housing Coalition (Durham)
Room: Mountain Laurel	Breakout Session C: How NC state government agencies are addressing inclusive housing	Keisha Purvis, NCHFA Deb Goda and Ginger Yarborough, NC DHHS
Room: Azalea	Breakout Session D: Thinking outside the box –Strategic Partnerships for Inclusive Housing	Brad McHugh, Habitat Wake and Jennifer Lichtneger, Building Independence Jennifer Player, Habitat Orange and Kevin Giff, HOPE NC
12:20-1:15	Lunch/Networking (Trillium Room and Lobby)	
12:20-12:30	Lunch Remarks	The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor of NC
1:15-2:00 Grumman Auditorium	PANEL: How LME/MCO's Across the State are Advancing Inclusive Housing moderated by Dave Richard, McGuireWoods Consulting LLC, SVP Government Relations State	Ann Oshel, SVP Community Health Well-Being, Alliance Celeste Ordiway, Vice President of Transition and Housing, Vaya Cindy Ehlers, Chief Strategy and Innovations Officer, Trillium Allison Gosda, Chief of Clinical Services, Partners
2:00-2:10	Break	
2:10-3:25	PM Breakout sessions: Choose 1 (same rooms and speakers as listed in AM sessions above)	
3:25-3:55 Grumman Auditorium	How to Get Your Voice Heard in Advocacy	Scott Badesch, former President/CEO, Autism Society of America
3:55-4:00	Closing	

HOPE NC's 4th Annual Inclusive Housing Summit Keynote Speaker



Liz Weintraub
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Advocacy is for Everyone

Liz Weintraub has a long history of leadership in self-advocacy and has held many board and advisory positions at state and national organizations. She is a full time member of the AUCD's policy team and also the host of "[Tuesdays With Liz: Disability Policy For All](#)," where she makes policy language understood by all. She has a book titled *All Means All: My Journey with Advocacy*.

Liz has served as a Fellow for Senator Casey of Pennsylvania, working in her DC Office where she helped lead the way on disability policy. Senator Casey said, "Liz has shown the Senate how important it is to have staff members who have developmental and intellectual disabilities. She's helped reshape the culture of the Senate." Liz has also shared her personal experience as a woman with disabilities in many venues, including written and oral testimony for Senate Committees on the topic of civil rights of people with disabilities.

Prior to coming to AUCD, Liz worked for the Council on Quality & Leadership (CQL). Liz is an alumni of the LEND training program at the Center for Leadership in Disability at Georgia State University. Liz was a past chair of the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council. Liz has received numerous awards, recognition, and commendations for her work. Liz enjoys mentoring people with disabilities.

Liz will be interviewed today by Scott Badesch. Prior to retiring in 2020, Scott Badesch had a professional career of over 45 years during which time he served as the President/CEO of the United Way of South Carolina, United Way of Palm Beach County, Florida and Autism Society of America. Scott came out of retirement in 2024 to serve as the senior policy advisor to US Congressman Chris Smith to help spearhead the successful passage of the 2024 Reauthorization of the Autism CARES Act.

Scott spends his retirement days volunteering for HOPE North Carolina, UNC's School of Social Work, FedsForward and Lincoln Park Community Services. He is the proud grandfather to three grandchildren and father to four adult children. Scott and his wife Phyllis Badesch have been married for 42 years and reside in Chapel Hill, NC.