



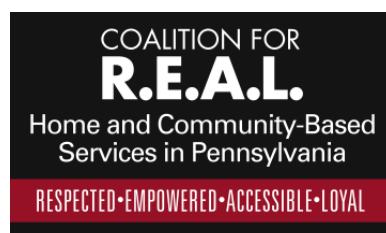
“Don’t take away my ability to choose the homecare workers I want and need.”

- Keith Williams of Scranton, Community Organizer for the Northeast PA Center for Independent Living, who has been employing his own attendants since 1988.

Facts about the Consumer Workforce Council

- **Reduces choices for consumers.** Homecare workers employed by their relatives, friends, or neighbors often have full-time jobs other than homecare work, a duty they may perform just a few hours a week. They don’t want to join a state-run agency.
- **Fixes a “problem” that does not exist.** Consumers *already have* the free resources needed to help them find homecare workers, including 60 CareerLink offices, Area Agencies on Aging and other publicly funded programs.
- **Mandatory requirements for workers are too restrictive.** A worker who doesn’t want to work for multiple consumers may choose to stop working rather than spend hours in the training programs that would be required.
- **Wipes out the consumer-directed model that PA has worked hard to establish.** People with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians fought hard to obtain and protect the authority to hire and manage their homecare workers and to be exempt from onerous government regulation.
- **Costs the state and counties taxpayer money.** With a CWC, we would pay *more* money to change a system that *already works*—and in doing so, create unfair competition for private industry and a barrier between consumers and workers.

The CWC is an unnecessary, state-run agency that takes away control from people with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians.



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