

COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



6 P.M. - 8 P.M. • IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL

MAY 01

AGENDA

May Disability Justice and Rights Events

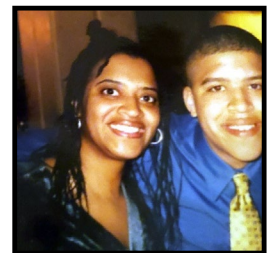
Stop the Shock Coalition protests the use of “aversive (aka punishment) therapy” on children with disabilities mostly from New York State, at the Judge Rotenberg Center in Canton, Mass. This practice has resulted in the death of six children and has been condemned as torture by the United Nations principally because of the use of electric shock by remote control (graduated electronic decelerator or G.E.D.) In May, the Coalition is planning a Lobby Day protest in Albany and a protest at the Brooklyn Board of Education’s headquarters.

NAMI WALK: Sunday, May 19 at South Street Seaport (Local 1180 issued a separate flier for this event). CWA Local 1180 Co-Captains are Amica Benjamin and Carol Jenkins. Our union has participated for decades in this event to build solidarity with people with neurodivergent and emotional disabilities (aka mental illness) and to raise funds for services for people with these disabilities and their families.

Guest Speaker: Cheryl McCollins

Cheryl McCollins is a licensed RN, a Disability Rights Advocate, the Grand Marshal of the 2023 Disability Pride NYC Parade, and the mother of André McCollins. She is an advocate for the André McCollins Bill to stop NYS from sending children to the JRC for corrective behavior.

André McCollins is on the Autistic Spectrum with high function and is the poster boy for Electric Shock Torture at JRC. He was the first visually documented case of abuse at JRC.



Cheryl & André McCollins



LOCATION:

CWA Local 1180
3rd Floor Conference Room
6 Harrison St., NY

RSVP HERE

OR call Carmen Sejuelas at
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**Registration closes
Mon., April 29
Space is limited.**

For questions or to receive RingCentral virtual access to this meeting, please email Edward Yood at envpush.yme@verizon.net by 5 p.m. on May 1, 2024.

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