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Director of *The Center for Self-Determination* This is a national effort to work with individuals with Disabilities, family members and professionals to create a training and technical assistance capacity to implement the principles of self-determination nationwide.

Former Co-Director of the University of New Hampshire Co-Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's program entitled "Self-Determination for Persons with Developmental Disabilities." This was a \$7 million national program assisting states in transforming their service delivery systems into community support systems that facilitate persons with disabilities having control over the supports they need to live active and meaningful lives. This role consisted of managing national grant financing and technical assistance and training to states, regions, counties and persons with disabilities and families.

Additional accomplishments include:

- Principal Investigator for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation project to determine changes in cost and quality of life for persons with severe disabilities when they gain control of the resources
- Principal Investigator for a three-year study of funding, labeling, and placement decisions in special education in Connecticut.
- Director of Evaluation and Supported Employment Services at Monadnock Developmental Services in Keene, New Hampshire.
- Writing, lectures, and involvement in research on public policy issues regarding persons with disabilities. Specific concerns included issues of cost reimbursement, including state and Medicaid funding, special education funding and practices, human rights and innovative practices in the field.
- Involved in current historical research in the early 20th century eugenics movement and the history of segregation for persons with disabilities.
- Led the reform effort in Washington, DC aimed at redirecting Medicaid funds from institutional to community and family settings.
- Was instrumental in creating and supporting amendments to the Rehabilitation Act regarding work incentives for those with significant disabilities, drafting the 1984 amendments to the Child Abuse Act, directing efforts to increase protections for human subjects and initiate general prohibitions against physically painful aversives for those with self-injurious behavior.
- Served as an Expert Consultant to the Assistant Secretary, U.S Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Madeleine Will.
- Served as staff to the U. S. Senate Special Committee on Aging
- Served as Expert Consultant to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission on medical discrimination against Children with Disabilities.
- Mr. Nerney is an accomplished writer and has multiple papers published on the subject of public policy and disability.