

## DDDS Advisory Council

**Member:** Terri Hancharick, Chairperson



Terri Hancharick is the Chairperson of the Advisory Council for the Delaware Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS). She is the parent of a 35-year-old woman, with cerebral palsy. The birth of her daughter altered Terri's world view and, since that time, she has devoted her life to service delivery and advocacy for children, youth, and adults with disabilities. She is currently the Chairperson of the State Council for Persons with Disabilities in Delaware and also serves on the Executive Board of the Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council, as the Chair of the Outreach and Advocacy Committee. She is co-founder of C.E.R.T.S. Adult Action Centers, which supports adults with multiple severe disabilities as they transition from school to adult life in Delaware. She is also co-founder and President of the Board of Directors of Endless Possibilities in the Community (EPIC) in Delaware, an inclusive program, which specializes in personalized health and wellness activities and self-determined community participation by persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities, as well as people with physical disabilities. Prior to these responsibilities, Terri worked as a research associate in the Center for Disabilities Studies at the University of Delaware. Terri is the immediate past Chairperson of the Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens. She also has served as past Co-Chair of the State Transition Task Force for Emerging Adults with Disabilities and Special Healthcare Needs and on the Executive Boards of United Cerebral Palsy of Delaware and the Art Therapy Express Program. She is also a past recipient of the Custie Award. She is married with 6 children, ages 20 – 46. Her favorite quotation is: *"I thought I would have to teach my daughter about the world. It turns out I have to teach the world about my daughter"*. (unknown)