

## CCAC Hosts Annual Disability & Mental Health Summit

CCAC partnered with Rep. Dan Miller of Mt. Lebanon to host the 12th Annual Disability & Mental Health Summit at the Foerster Student Services Center on Allegheny Campus, May 8 and 9.

Started by Miller, the event brings hundreds of advocates, family support members, medical providers and organizations from across Western Pennsylvania together to share information on a wide range of topics in the disability and mental health sphere.

According to Miller, the two-day summit aimed to educate Pennsylvanians and legislators from across the political spectrum by informing families about available resources and increasing opportunities for self-advocates through free informative sessions, general and targeted resource fairs, and legislative panels.

The event kicked off with a presentation on state Medicaid funding and included nearly two dozen presentations that focused on a variety of topics, like using smart home assistive technology to improve independence for those with mental, intellectual or physical disabilities; navigating police interactions hosted by a police chief whose teenage son has disabilities; and more.

*“The Disability & Mental Health Summit has always been about expanding independence and opportunity for all while also combating stigma,”* said Miller. *“This year’s Summit was a testament to that mission, and I thank CCAC for being a fantastic host.”*

