

## PATHWAYS ABILITIES SOCIETY

### **POLICY: MEDIA**

**Applies to:** All Personnel and Volunteers

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Board Member's Signature

### **PREAMBLE**

There may be articles or TV and/or radio programs concerning people with developmental disabilities and/or their families. They may be positive or negative and contain correct or misleading information. Both may require a response. However anything negative or misleading must be responded to, to either clarify or make Pathways Abilities Society's position known.

### **POLICY**

Communication with the media will be done through the president, vice-president, or the executive director or his or her designate. Articles or TV and/or radio programs that portray people with developmental disabilities negatively will be responded to by the executive director or president by either contacting the reporter directly to clarify our position or by writing a letter to the editor. Responses that are potentially contentious will be pre-approved by the Board of Directors.