

“Keep your eye on Misty Dion. She’s brilliant, young and energetic and as such is a principled, impressive leader,” said Theo Braddy, Executive Director of the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL).

Misty is the proud CEO of the Roads to Freedom Center for Independent Living (RTFCIL) of North Central PA with over 18 years of experience advancing disability rights and justice on local, state, and national levels. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Pennsylvania College of Technology (an affiliate of Penn State University) where she graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 4.0 GPA. In 2016, she was a graduate of Williamsport/Lycoming County’s Chamber of Commerce Leadership program and has been a key resource for Pennsylvania’s disability communities.

Before taking the RTFCIL helm, Misty spent ten years with the Center for Independent Living evolving extensive human service skills and networks throughout the United States. Under Misty’s leadership, RTFCIL has become a nationally recognized CIL for its relentless opposition to guardianship, successful transition services and most recently, as the first CIL to provide emergency relocation services reimbursed through FEMA.

Misty’s commitment and promotion of community integration, consumer control and dignity of risk as the core of complete societal integration for people with disabilities led her to become the President of the Pennsylvania Council on Independent Living (PCIL) and recently, recruited to the Board for Centene’s PA Health and Wellness Medicare Advantage product, WellCare.

Among her affiliations, Misty also represents the disability community on the North Central PA Workforce Board and serves on the Advisory Board for the Mid Atlantic ADA Center. She is an active Board Member for the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL) and participates on multiple subcommittees of the NCIL. As an active Member of National ADAPT, she founded the North Central ADAPT Chapter and continues to utilize all prongs of advocacy and activism to pave paths to independence for all members of the disability community.