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Alliance Awards 2015 Legislator of the Year

Senator Kent Lambert, SD 9, El Paso County



Copper Mountain, Colorado. -- Each year, Alliance recognizes its Legislator of the Year-- a member of the Colorado General Assembly who has worked to ensure that the decisions it makes are reflective of the ongoing needs, values, and priorities of Coloradans with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

This year, Alliance is very proud to honor Sen. Kent Lambert as Legislator of the Year.

Sen. Lambert is committed to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, as well as the system of services in Colorado that supports them. He works to learn about people, both in his State Senate district and across Colorado.

Sen. Lambert regularly attends local Town Hall meetings hosted by [The Resource Exchange](#), an Alliance member in his district. TRE's Executive Director, David Ervin, remarked, "This past year, Sen. Lambert sat and listened intently, committing himself to the cause of individuals with IDD and their families. Having been a regular attendee at these Town Halls, he might have been excused for taking a more casual approach--but not so. He is as committed to people with IDD today as ever."

Sen. Lambert is Chair of the Joint Budget Committee, and, of his own accord, brought a motion to increase provider rates by 5%; he moved the Resolution creating Awareness Day at the Capitol; he moved creation of, and is a member of, the Regional Center Task Force. He

continues to use his influence for the good of Coloradans with IDD and their families.

Ervin went on to say, "We are lucky in Colorado. Our legislators are THE most knowledgeable, THE most committed General Assembly in the country. There are 100 people at the Capitol who are dedicated to Coloradans with IDD and their families--we are lucky. And yet, Sen. Lambert rises above most."

"Sen. Lambert has been a powerful champion for IDD providers, case managers, families, and people with disabilities in Colorado," Josh Rael, Alliance's executive director, said in a statement. "Sen. Lambert worked to protect IDD services during the recession and has spent years fighting for adequate rates for our community provider system and for individuals in crisis. He has also worked hard to end the wait list for services."

Alliance congratulates Senator Lambert on this important honor.

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