

Marcie Roth

Bio

Marcie Roth is the National Spinal Cord Injury Association's (NSCIA) Executive Director and CEO. She assumed this role after serving as the Director of Advocacy and Public Policy for the National Council on Independent Living, and prior to that, as the Director of Governmental Affairs for TASH, an international disability rights organization.

Ms. Roth's background in advocacy, disability services, human and civil rights, grassroots organizing, coalition building and public policy work began in the early 1970's as a high school volunteer. She has been active as a local, state and national leader, and has been involved in senior management activities for several national and international non-profit advocacy organizations over the past twenty years, managing multiple projects and leading public policy initiatives simultaneously.

Currently leading national public/private efforts to address the additional needs of people with disabilities before, during and after disasters, she also serves on the National Citizen Corps Subcommittee on Individuals with Disabilities in Emergency Preparedness, and co-chairs the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Emergency Management and International Task Forces. Ms. Roth was commended by the White House for her efforts on behalf of New Yorkers with disabilities in the aftermath of the 2001 terrorist attacks and she has demonstrated her commitment to emergency preparedness and response in her own community, by joining the Montgomery County Maryland Community Emergency Response Team in 2006. She is also very involved in global disability efforts, providing assistance to leaders in Iraq and throughout the Middle East on disability issues and representing the United States since 2006 at international forums on the rights and needs of children with disabilities.

Appointed by her Governor to the Maryland Commission on Disabilities in 2008, Ms. Roth is also a 2007 graduate of Leadership Greater Washington. She is President of the Board of Directors of Access Information, Inc., serves on the Executive Board of Directors of the National Coalition for Disability Rights and is an active leader with several special education parent groups. She served as the Governor appointed Chair of the Statewide Independent Living Council in Maryland and previously, in Connecticut. Roth was a Private Sector Contributor during the development of the Surgeon General's recent "Call to Action to Improve the Health and Wellness of Persons with Disabilities and remains an active advisor.

Ms. Roth has personal experience living with a disability and she is the parent of two children with disabilities and challenging support needs. She brings her commitment to advancing the rights and opportunities of people with disabilities to her work in

partnering with other advocacy groups to build local, regional and national strength as a collective grassroots force, united towards a common goal of greater opportunity and independence for all people with disabilities.