

**SESSION 8: HEALTH CARE POLICY & PEOPLE WITH
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
WE ALL NEED TO BE ADVOCATES****ABOUT THE SESSION**

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**SESSION RESOURCES**

1.) - Check out the website of the Center for American Progress which is an independent, nonpartisan policy institute dedicated to improving the lives of all Americans:

<https://americanprogress.org/>

2.) - Review information provided by the National Health Law Program:

<https://www.healthlaw.org>

3.) - Read more about national health issues through the Kaiser Family Foundation:

<https://www.kff.org/>

4.) - Connect eligible individuals in need of insurance to NJFamilyCare:

<http://www.njfamilycare.org/default.aspx>