

Austin Nugent



My name is Austin Nugent and I live in Louisville, KY. I am the Disability & Health Program Coordinator with the Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky. I have my bachelor's in sociology and disability studies from the University of California, Los Angeles. In addition to my role with PAIMI and HDI, I serve as a committee member with the Center for Dignity in Healthcare for People with Disabilities.

When I lived in Oregon, I helped develop an inclusive social justice youth group centered on supporting teenagers and young adults to be leaders in their communities. I continue to support this group from Kentucky. I am passionate about supporting equitable systematic change that acknowledges and embraces diversity and intersectionality.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on the PAIMI council - a safe space to embrace my mental health journey and work with other passionate individuals to shift the narrative around mental health in Kentucky.