



Goals and Priorities 2015 - 2018

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1 - ABUSE AND NEGLECT

DISCHARGE FROM INSTITUTIONS

To ensure that individuals with disabilities in institutional settings are discharged to community settings with appropriate supports and services.

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

To ensure that the rights of individuals with disabilities in institutions and community settings are protected.

UNUSUAL AND SUSPICIOUS DEATHS

To ensure that unusual and suspicious deaths of persons residing in state-operated or sponsored institutions and programs are appropriately investigated and responded to.

2 - DISCRIMINATION

HOUSING

To ensure that people with disabilities have greater access to accessible, affordable housing and experience decreased housing discrimination.

VOTING

To ensure that people with disabilities have the opportunity and can exercise the right to register and vote.

EMPLOYMENT

To ensure that people with disabilities experience decreased employment discrimination and gain increased opportunities.

PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES

To ensure that people with disabilities have non-discriminatory access to public accommodations and public entities.

3 - COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

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To ensure that adults with disabilities have access to appropriate community-based supports and services.

ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

To improve the availability of accessible transportation for people with disabilities.

4 - HEALTH CARE

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To ensure that people with disabilities have access to appropriate health care services.

4A - DECISION MAKING

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To ensure that the rights of individuals with disabilities are protected through informed, supported individual and/or surrogate decision making.

5 - CHILDREN

EDUCATION

To ensure that children with disabilities receive equal educational opportunities in the least restrictive setting appropriate for their needs

COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

To ensure that children with disabilities have access to appropriate community-based supports and services.

BULLYING

To ensure that children with disabilities do not experience bullying in educational settings.

SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE

To ensure that children with disabilities receive appropriate services and supports to oppose policies and practices that promote the school-to-prison pipeline.

6 - ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

STATE LEVEL ACTIVITIES

To conduct state level activities to increase awareness and acquisition of assistive technology.

STATE LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

To conduct statewide leadership activities to increase awareness and enhance the use of assistive technology.

COMMUNITY CHOICE FUND

To facilitate the discharge of people with disabilities and elderly residents of nursing homes to the community through access to assistive technology devices and services.

ADVOCACY

To increase access to assistive technology through individual advocacy and legal representation.

7 - EMPLOYMENT

REHABILITATION SERVICES

To ensure that people with disabilities receive services on a timely basis consistent with the Rehabilitation Act.

WORK-RELATED OVERPAYMENTS

To assist beneficiaries of Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income who receive notices of work-related overpayments that threaten continued employment.

TICKET TO WORK AND WORK INCENTIVES

To assist beneficiaries of Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income to remove barriers to employment.

EMPLOYMENT FIRST

To promote policies and practices that maximize employment potential in integrated settings for competitive wages.

TRANSITION

To ensure that the state's vocational rehabilitation programs maximize employment transition services for students and vocational rehabilitation clients transitioning from school to adult life.

8 - CONSUMER OUTREACH, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING

UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

To increase services to historically underserved urban, rural and minority persons with disabilities.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

To promote the education of consumers and their families regarding disability rights and issues.

SELF-ADVOCACY

To promote consumer participation in self-advocacy and rights education and training.

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