

# 2017 Public Policy Priorities



## Financial Security

- **Asset Development:** Ensure that individuals with I/DD have access to mechanisms for developing financial assets. Increase opportunities for choice, self-determination, independence, and productivity through providing individuals with I/DD the knowledge and tools needed to implement financial plans.
- **Employment:** Direct policy toward promotion of integrated, community-based employment with competitive wages for people with I/DD. Strengthen collaboration across multiple partners including workforce development, vocational rehabilitation, employment supports, education, service providers, and private employers.
- **Education and Transition:** Promote cross agency coordination to ensure effective transition planning for students with I/DD. Implement practices that include quality planning and programming that prepare individuals for post-secondary education, integrated work, and community life.

## Community Living

- **Health Access/Medicaid Reform:** Provide input into Medicaid reform to ensure that people with I/DD have access to health care that is person-centered, coordinated, and focuses on wellness outcomes.
- **Access to Long-Term Supports and Services:** Engage and collaborate with partners to eliminate the increasing number of individual with I/DD who are waiting to receive services and supports. Ensure long term supports and services are person-centered and focused on outcomes which increase opportunities for people with I/DD to be fully included, respected, valued, and supported in their communities.
- **Health Access and Wellness:** Ensure access and continuity of healthcare and wellness opportunities through coordinated primary healthcare services. Promote best practices, models, strategies, and resources that create collaborative care and move the system toward integrated care for people with I/DD.
- **Medicaid:** Maintain current federal funding structure to ensure the state's ability to support the health and long term service needs of many individuals with disabilities.

## Advocacy

- **Self Advocacy:** Increase opportunities for individuals with I/DD to take part in decisions that affect their lives and the lives of others. Support opportunities for participation in diverse leadership coalitions.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Involve individuals with I/DD and family members in the design and implementation of services and supports. Promote meaningful involvement in the evaluation of quality of supports and outcomes.