

CIVIL RIGHTS

The Council recognizes that people with developmental disabilities are at a higher risk of having their civil rights violated, especially people who are of a racial or ethnic minority. The Council will advocate for the protection and enforcement of these rights for all people with developmental disabilities.

HEALTH

The Council will uphold the principle that people with developmental disabilities should receive the same standards of medical care, including informed consent and access, to all legal medical treatment as others in the community. The Council will strive to safeguard against policies that allow medical professionals to judge the quality of one's life.

ALTERNATIVES TO GUARDIANSHIP

The Council believes that people with developmental disabilities should be supported to practice self-determination and be in control of their own lives. The Council will advocate for the use of alternatives to guardianship such as supported decision-making for people with developmental disabilities.

PUBLIC FUNDING

The Council will continue to advocate for the restoration of, and increases in, State and Federal funding necessary to maintain or enhance critical support services that allow people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work, and fully participate in the community.

OLMSTEAD PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The Council will advocate for the full implementation of the State *Olmstead Plan* as approved by the Governor. The *Olmstead* decision of the *Americans with Disabilities Act* mandates that people with disabilities have the right to receive state administered services, programs, and activities in the most integrated settings.

DIRECT SUPPORT

The Council will advocate to expand the availability, knowledge, skills, and compensation of professionals, paraprofessionals, and direct care staff to build the workforce capacity and to ensure community access by people with developmental disabilities.

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EDUCATION

The Council will advocate for full implementation and enforcement of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA) and other relevant laws and policies that result in ALL students with developmental disabilities receiving a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment. This includes access to the general education curriculum as-well-as being safe from abuse and neglect.

EMPLOYMENT

The Council will support policies, initiatives, and services that lead to competitive, integrated, and valued employment for working-aged people with developmental disabilities.

HOUSING

The Council will support policies that provide the infrastructure and funding necessary to address the shortage of accessible, affordable housing for people with developmental disabilities, and advocate for opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to exercise self-determination and decide with whom and where in their community they live.

TRANSPORTATION

The Council will support policies, initiatives, and other efforts to increase affordable and accessible transportation in all areas of the state, including rural areas.

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