



**WV Developmental Disabilities Council**  
**Draft 5-Year State Plan Goals and Objectives**  
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### **Advocacy and Self-Advocacy**

**Goal 1:** The Council will help people with I/DD, their families, and community members get the information they need and take part in advocacy to improve services and supports.

**Objective 1.1:** The Council will support and expand opportunities for people with I/DD, family members, and community members to learn about resources available to them and how and where to access them.

**Objective 1.2:** The Council will support self-advocates in activities, training, and leadership opportunities to enhance their skills and abilities to advocate for themselves on all choices affecting their lives.

### **Capacity Building**

**Goal 2:** The Council will help create stronger support networks that prepare people with disabilities and their family members/caregivers to succeed.

**Objective 2.1:** The Council will support educators, families, and advocates to improve knowledge of West Virginia's special education system to encourage student success.

**Objective 2.2:** The Council will support the increase of the number of people with disabilities who are working in competitive, integrated employment.

### **Systems Change**

**Goal 3:** The Council will strengthen West Virginia's service systems by addressing unmet needs leading to lasting improvements for people with developmental disabilities and their communities.

**Objective 3.1:** The Council will collaborate with the DD Network partners and other state agencies or partners to identify gaps in services and respond to the needs of people with developmental disabilities.

**Objective 3.2:** The Council will work to increase the number of people who engage in political, and systems change advocacy to support people with developmental disabilities to enjoy full, meaningful lives.