
Health

- **The Council will monitor and support** legislation that expands and/or improves the quality and accessibility of health care services for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.
- **The Council will monitor and support** healthcare-related legislation that mandates coverage of assistive technology, augmentative equipment, preventative and maintenance dental, hearing and vision services, as well as reasonable and adequate reimbursement for necessities such as tube feeding formulas and other durable medical supplies.
- **The Council will monitor and advocate** against any policy or legislation that seeks to hasten death by allowing or authorizing medical professionals to judge the value of a person's life by invoking "quality of life" concerns.

Community Supports

- **The Council will monitor** the State's Medicaid budget and other appropriations in order to advocate for adequate funding for programs that allow people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to receive the services and supports they need to live, learn, work, and fully participate in the community of their choice.
- **The Council will continue to advocate** for full implementation of the *Olmstead* decision rendered by the United States Supreme Court in June 1999. The decision mandates that States administer services, programs, and activities in the most integrated settings.
- **The Council will support** legislation that strengthens and improves supports and services for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, including those who do not qualify for or are denied Medicaid I/DD Waiver, Aged and Disabled Waiver, or the Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver.

Education

- **The Council will advocate** for full enforcement of the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**, **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**, **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)**, and other relevant laws and policies.
- **The Council will support** legislation that promotes inclusive education to the maximum extent possible for students of all ages and all levels of need.

2018 Legislative Priorities continued

Education continued

- **The Council will support** legislation that requires all teachers, therapists, and staff to be experienced and trained to implement and carryout Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and 504 Plans that may include positive behavioral interventions and supports, necessary therapies, and other services and supports.

Employment

- **The Council will advocate** for “Employment First” legislation that requires responsible state agencies to pursue integrated, competitive, and valued employment as the first option for working-age people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.
- **The Council will support** legislation that gives employers tax breaks or other incentives for hiring people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.
- **The Council will monitor and support** legislation that assists people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to receive valued, integrated employment with competitive wages.

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