

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council) is established by state (Lanterman Act at Welfare and Institutions Code, sections 4520) and federal law (Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act) to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the planning, design and receipt of the services and supports they need which allow increased independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination. To that end, the Council develops and implements goals, objectives, strategies designed to improve and enhance the availability and quality of services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

The Council is comprised of 31 members appointed by the Governor, including individuals with disabilities, their families, federally funded partners and state agencies.

In addition to headquarters in Sacramento, the Council supports 13 area boards that provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families including, but not limited to, advocacy assistance, training, monitoring and public information. By providing these services, area boards ensure that appropriate laws, regulations and policies pertaining to the rights of individuals are observed and protected. Each board participates in the development and implementation of the Council's goals and objectives.

The Council is active in promoting and responding to policy developments and changes that affect people with developmental

disabilities. This document conveys the Council's position on major policy issues that impact individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

### **CONSUMER/FAMILY DIRECTED OPTIONS**

Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families are best suited to identify and understand their unique needs and how best to address those needs. Options for self-determination/individual choice budgeting that provide resources for consumers and families to use in securing the services and supports that best meet their needs and reduce reliance on public social services must be developed and supported.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

Integrated, competitive employment is the priority outcome for working age individuals with developmental disabilities. Strategies must be identified and pursued to assist individuals to achieve this goal.

### **HOUSING**

Increase and enhance community integrated living options for individuals with developmental disabilities through access to housing subsidy programs and neighborhood education to reduced discrimination. Affordable, accessible, and sustained housing options must be continually developed.

### **HEALTH CARE**

California has an obligation to assure that individuals with disabilities being transitioned into MediCal managed care have access to

plain language information and supports to make informed decisions about their health care options.

California must support individuals with developmental disabilities with co-existing health conditions that require routine preventative care, as well as mental health treatment and attention to women's health issues.

### **EDUCATION**

The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires children with disabilities be provided with free appropriate public education to prepare them for advanced education, employment, and independent living. IDEA states to the "maximum extent possible" students with disabilities should be educated alongside their non-disabled peers. School districts/educational authorities need to be held accountable for implementing the letter and the intent of IDEA.

### **SELF-ADVOCACY**

Individuals with developmental disabilities must be provided the opportunity and support to assume their rightful leadership in the system and society. Enhanced training, the use of plain language materials and inclusion in public-policy making activities must be developed and supported.

### **INCLUSION**

Individuals with developmental disabilities must have access to community opportunities such as recreation, education, and socialization with their peers without disabilities.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Access to transportation is essential to the education, employment and inclusion of individuals with disabilities. Individuals with developmental disabilities must be a part of transportation planning and policymaking to assure their needs and perspectives are heard and addressed. Mobility training must be a standard program among public transportation providers to increase the use of public transportation and reduce reliance on more costly segregated systems.

### **VICTIMS OF CRIME**

Individuals with developmental disabilities experience a greater rate of victimization and lower rates of prosecution for crimes against them than does the general public. The same level of due process protections must be provided to all people. Individuals with disabilities need to be trained and supported in how to avoid becoming victims of crime and to understand how their participation in identification and prosecution can impact outcomes.

### **QUALITY OF SERVICES AND SUPPORTS**

The financial commitment from the State of California must come with assurances that public monies are used to achieve desired outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Outcomes and satisfaction must be measured, and that information used to pursue individual and systemic change.

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