

2023 Advocacy Agenda



Position Statement

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities want opportunities for meaningful lives. By working to shape public policy, LOGAN Community Resources promotes and protects the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities for their full inclusion in our community. We will use our voice to inform, educate and build a strong community of services and resources to allow people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live their most meaningful life.

Priorities

Emergency Housing: Our community lacks emergency housing options for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in times of crisis.

Direct Support Professional Workforce: DSPs deliver essential supports so people with intellectual and developmental disabilities can lead meaningful lives. Insufficient Medicaid funding and a persistent and worsening workforce crisis are barriers to ensuring people receive the supports necessary to live their fullest life.

Healthcare:

- ◆ **Educate our medical community about severe disabilities and quality of life.** Though better than in previous decades, many doctors still assume people with severe disabilities have a poor quality of life, so they pressure guardians and families to discontinue life-sustaining measures.
- ◆ **Dental Care.** It is very difficult to find dentists who will work with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and who also accept Medicaid. It's almost impossible to find a dentist who will administer sedation to successfully give dental care.

Transportation: There are limited public transportation options for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the communities we serve.

Autism Reimbursement Rates and Services:

- ◆ **Medicaid Rates.** Reimbursement rates for Applied Behavior Analysis therapy in Indiana and Michigan have been in a rapid decline, impacting the ability to recruit and retain staff delivering services and meet the growing numbers of children in need of services.
- ◆ **Transition to Adult Services.** Many children have their private, commercial insurance discontinued when they turn 18 years old. As a result, there is a gap in funding for services for young adults with autism.

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