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PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

Mosaic envisions a world where people with intellectual disabilities thrive as valued participants in their communities.

MEDICAID

- Provide sufficient federal and state funding so individuals can receive appropriate services and supports in communities of their choosing.
- Allow consumers to direct their own services and have those services provided in the community.
- Coordinate federal and state programs to promote community living, including shared living and affordable, accessible housing.
- Shift funding from institution-based settings to community-based programs and services.
- Increase funding to promote the use of technology to assist in delivering quality services and supports.

LONG-TERM SERVICE AND SUPPORTS (LTSS)

- Promote person-centered planning and self-directed services in community-based settings.
- Design Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) to implement person-centered practices capable of addressing the diverse needs of all people with intellectual disabilities on an individualized basis.
- Improve access to programs for people with intellectual disabilities by providing funding to eliminate waiting lists and provide comprehensive services to those who are underserved.
- Promote an array of community-based living options and services through LTSS funding structures.
- Provide appropriate funding and transition supports to comply with the *Olmstead* decision.

SOCIAL SECURITY

- Increase resource limits to allow people with disabilities to work, save, and plan for their future.
- Design and fund income supports to reflect of the actual costs of living, working, and socializing in the community.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

- Adopt policies that promote inclusive education and provide necessary supports for a free, appropriate public education.
- Provide sufficient funding for transition services and programs that strive for competitive employment or meaningful days if employment is not an option.

HOUSING

- Provide adequate funding so affordable and accessible housing can be found to ensure people can choose where they live and have privacy in their own home.
- Ensure HUD policies are complimentary to other federal policies and programs.

INDIVIDUAL CHOICE

- Protect the rights of people with intellectual disabilities to fully participate in their community and to decide where they live and work.

STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

SUPPORT STAFF WAGES

- Ensure that funding allows staff to earn a living wage and appropriate benefits.
- Implement Medicaid reimbursement rates that cover the increasing costs of compensation and other workforce initiatives.

PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT RATES

- Establish Medicaid reimbursement rates that reflect the costs of providing quality services and supports in community-based settings.

REDUCE WAITING LISTS

- Increase funding to ensure that all people with intellectual disabilities receive comprehensive services in community-based settings.

COMMUNITY LIVING

- Maximize federal programing and funding opportunities to provide affordable and accessible housing in communities for people with intellectual disabilities.
- Promote using shared living arrangements (like host homes or extended family homes) to provide community-based residential services.

COMMUNITY-BASED EMPLOYMENT

- Fully implement provisions of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) help people with disabilities make the transition from school programs to having competitive, integrated employment and meaningful days in a community of their choosing.

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