

Proposed Priorities for FY 2018-2019

Abuse / Neglect / Exploitation

Decrease the abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disabilities by improving the practices of programs and facilities in congregate settings for people with disabilities and/or where there are significant allegations of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

Assistive Technology

Expand the provision and use of assistive technology necessary for people with disabilities.

Brain Injury Services

Promote the expansion and implementation of services needed by individuals with brain injuries.

Community-based Services

Increase the number of individuals with disabilities who receive appropriate, high quality community-based services that enable them to live productively and independently in community settings.

Waiver Services (availability for non-JCMs; due process rights in placement changes; emergency preparedness)

Employment and Vocational Rehabilitation

Advance the employment opportunities for people with disabilities by holding state vocational rehabilitation programs accountable and by reducing the barriers to retain, obtain, or return to work for Social Security beneficiaries.

Public Policy

Pursue and promote public policies and systemic changes in policies, statutes and regulations affecting individuals with disabilities.

DD Waiver waiting list (legislative efforts to increase transparency; reduce wait time; adequate provide network)

Mental Health Services

Expand the rights of individuals to receive appropriate mental health services, both in residential and outpatient mental health facilities and programs.

Self-Determination

Advance the rights of people with disabilities to have control over the decisions that affect their lives.

Special Education

Increase the number of qualifying students with disabilities who benefit from appropriate special education services.

Access to Public Accommodations

Increase access by persons with disabilities to businesses providing public accommodations as required by Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Voting

Education and outreach; Voter Registration; Polling accessibility; Voter ID laws

Immigration

(ICE facilities access)

Housing

Homelessness, HUD: no waiting list for Section 8 vouchers; lack of safe housing;

Housing: lack of affordable housing

Accommodations/accessibility; Sustainable housing for PWD; emergency preparedness

Housing: HUD - being evicted from public housing because of disability