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## **2018 Legislative/Public Policy Platform**

### **Summary/Introduction**

#### **Legislative or Policy Proposals by Impact Area:**

#### **Goal 1: Stop abuse, no matter where and when it occurs. Improve Quality of Care.**

1. Continue legislative advocacy on sponsored bill AB 1335 (Kalra) clarifying the causation standard in nursing home death cases.
2. Develop a public policy strategy to address conditions and prevent abuse and neglect of individuals with disabilities in jail and juvenile facilities and/or reduce rates of incarceration of people with mental illness and facilitate successful diversion and reentry programs.
3. Develop public policy strategies to limit the use of restraint and seclusion in public and private schools.
4. Develop a public policy strategy to address disability discrimination against homeless individuals.

#### **Goal 2: Stop discrimination, eliminate stigma, and protect civil rights.**

1. Develop public policy strategies to preserve federal and state laws access rights.

**Goal 3: End segregation. Increase community living options so people can live and fully participate in barrier-free communities of their choice with the services and supports they need to survive.**

1. Develop public policy strategies to increase programs and services that allow seniors and people with disabilities to live at home rather than in institutions.
2. Develop public policy strategies to ensure that suspended services for regional center consumers are restored such as social recreation and camping and/or loosen restrictions regarding the use of generic resources when those restrictions impose access barriers.
3. Monitor implementation of and develop public policy strategies for In Home Supportive Services workweek limitations exemptions.

**Goal 4: Respect the autonomy, preferences, and choices of people with disabilities so they can be equal, passionate, and full participants in society.**

1. Develop public policy strategies to provide protections to parents with disabilities.
2. Develop a public policy strategy regarding informed consent and end of life decision making for people with disabilities in nursing and other long-term care facilities.
3. Develop public policy strategies to ensure accessibility of voter information and processes.

**Goal 5: Protect and advance basic human rights to health care, housing, and education.**

1. Develop state and local public policy strategies to increase affordable and accessible housing and to address housing discrimination and restrictions including land use and zoning.
2. Develop public policy strategies to maintain and improve access to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act.

**Goal 6: Ensure access to government benefits, transportation, and employment opportunities with competitive wages.**

1. Develop a public policy strategy to address policies that negatively impact persons with disabilities' SSI/SSP benefits.
2. Advocate for public policies that promote, rather than impair, pedestrian safety.

**Goal 7: Increase access to culturally and language competent services that value disability, diversity, culture, and ethnicity of each individual. Ensure that all services are accessible to people with disabilities.**

1. Continue legislative advocacy on sponsored bill SB 354 (Portantino) which requires translation of Individual Education Programs.
2. Develop public policy strategies to address disparities in the developmental disabilities system including access to culturally appropriate services.
3. Develop public policy strategies to ensure state department and public entity websites are accessible and remain accessible.

**Goal 8: Ensure access to up-to-date knowledge and tools and advocates so individuals with disabilities can be effective self-advocates and access courts, administrative agencies, and legal services to defend and enforce their rights.**

1. Develop a public policy strategy to maintain and increase DRC core funding including Equal Access funds.
2. Develop a public policy strategy to secure funding for court self-help programs.
3. Develop public policy strategies to ensure that DRC has strong access authority as contemplated by federal law.