

## CURRENT LANGUAGE

**Goal: Self-Advocacy – Establish, strengthen, and expand self-advocacy activities among persons with developmental disabilities so they will become empowered to be self-determined.**

Objective 1: From 2018 to 2019, the Council will increase and support opportunities for persons with I/DD who are community leaders, to provide leadership training and peer mentoring that will prepare and support their peers who wish to promote the positive perception and inclusion of persons with I/DD in their community.

Objective 2: The Council will support the participation of persons with I/DD in cross disability, culturally diverse leadership coalitions, groups, and civic and political life, which addresses issues of importance to persons with I/DD.

Objective 3: The Council will establish and promote the success of one or more collaborative, culturally competent self-advocacy coalitions that are led by individuals who have I/DD and that includes representatives of unserved/underserved populations, by providing funding, technical assistance, and supports

**Goal: Inclusion – Motivate communities to include people of all ages who have developmental disabilities in all aspects of community life.**

Objective 1: In coordination with DDD, the DD Network, and Raising Special Kids, lead the effort to build a Statewide Community of Practice (COP) that drives system change towards more inclusive culturally and linguistically competent processes and policies across Arizona (This is part of a 5-year project funded by Georgetown University).

Objective 2: Increase inclusion and build communities of support for people of all ages who have developmental disabilities and behavioral challenges or who are experiencing a crisis through outreach, education, and system change by working in collaboration with people with developmental disabilities, their families, schools, first responders, other stakeholders, and communities (including Tribal communities)

*\*\*\*Task: Conduct study of sexual abuse and I/DD with coalition of agencies and stakeholders*

Objective 3: Identify and decrease barriers to community life for people who have developmental disabilities throughout their lifespan by targeting community members, families, and individuals with DD through outreach, education, linkage to community resources, and community engagement activities that promote inclusion.

*Task: Work with organizations or groups on at least six different occasions to overcome barriers and/or ensure the needs of people with DD and their families are included in programming, services, and/or policies (This includes the work of the Council on the Abuse report and additional follow ups).*

## PROPOSED LANGUAGE

### **OPTION #1: ADD AN OBJECTIVE PERTAINING TO ABUSE/NEGLECT UNDER THE SELF-ADVOCACY GOAL**

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***OBJECTIVE 4: THE COUNCIL WILL SUPPORT OR COLLABORATE ON AT LEAST 3 POLICIES OR INITIATIVES THAT REMOVE BARRIERS AND/OR FACILITATE THE ABILITY OF SELF-ADVOCATES TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD SO THEY ARE PROTECTED FROM ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND EXPLOITATION.***

## OPTION #2: REVISE THE INCLUSION GOAL & ADD AN OBJECTIVE

**Currently Written Goal: Inclusion – Motivate communities to include people of all ages who have developmental disabilities in all aspects of community life.**

**Revised Goal: Motivate communities and agencies to include people with I/DD in all aspects of community life by supporting programs, changing policies/procedures, and removing systemic barriers to maximize self-determination and diminish discrimination, abuse and exploitation.**

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Current projects: coordinating services with refugees with disabilities, setting up a CoP for cultural & linguistic competency, accessible website & materials

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Current projects: Safety coalition (crisis response for people with I/DD), dissemination of emergency preparedness manual, sexual violence research

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Current projects: conferences & trainings, housing & transportation research, community inclusion index, early childhood inclusion, media training, and inclusive recreation

**Recommended Objective 4: The Council will support or collaborate on at least three initiatives that will lead to systemic change, training, and/or awareness of discrimination, abuse, neglect and/or exploitation of individuals with I/DD.**