

Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council

2017 – 2021 State Plan Goals and Objectives

Goal # 1: Strengthen the capacity of the lowans with Disabilities (ID Action) network to connect individuals with developmental disabilities and their families with resources that grow their advocacy and leadership skills and build their capacity to lead coalitions and grassroots systems change.

Objective 1.1: Build the capacity of lowans with Disabilities (ID Action) to become a self-sustaining, cross disability advocacy network led by people with disabilities and less reliant on funding from the Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council.

Objective 1.2: Increase the number of lowans with disabilities and family members who are aware of and use information, skill building resources and opportunities to engage in civic and political decision-making processes on issues important to them.

Objective 1.3: With support from ID Action, increase the number of people with developmental disabilities and family members who train and lead community groups to identify local needs, develop solutions, and plan for projects that increase the integration and inclusion of people with disabilities in community living, working, and learning.

Objective 1.4: Develop and employ alternative formats, languages, leadership engagement and other culturally appropriate strategies to increase the use of ID Action resources that assist Asians, Latinos, and African-Americans with disabilities to more effectively advocate for change.

Goal # 2: Advocate for and monitor the development, improvement, and implementation of policies and practices that assure increased access to services and supports that provide opportunity for lowans with developmental disabilities to be productive, included, and integrated members of community living, learning, and working.

Objective 2.1: With the DD Network and other partners, advocate for improvements to community infrastructure, services, and supports (including natural supports), and funding that supports individuals with developmental and other disabilities to live productive lives in the community.

Objective 2.2: With the DD Network and other partners, increase community employment of individuals with developmental disabilities by supporting public policies, budget actions, and practices that shift public resources toward services that result in integrated community based preparation, job placement, and ongoing supports.

Objective 2.3: Advocate for and support initiatives that improve local, regional, and other transportation efforts that address transportation needs of lowans with developmental disabilities particularly those in rural areas.

Objective 2.4: Increase the number of adults living with autism who have access to services that support them to live and work in the communities of their choice.