

Goal 1: SELF-ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP

People with developmental disabilities (PWDD) and their families will increase self-advocacy and leadership skills to enhance citizen participation, self-direction, family life, and systems.

Objective 1.1. Each year, strengthen one or more self-advocacy organizations or programs led by PWDD.

Objective 1.2. Each year, increase and support opportunities for at least 10 PWDD who are considered leaders to receive leadership training, provide leadership training to PWDD who may become leaders, and promote participation in cross-disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions.

Goal 2: DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS FOR SYSTEMS CHANGE

PWDD, families, professionals, and other community members will have access to short-term, culturally and linguistically competent demonstration projects to meet the needs and increase the independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion of PWDD.

Objective 2.1. By September 30, 2026, provide funding for at least two projects to demonstrate new approaches to direct services, enhance systems, or eliminate barriers to access and use of community services (such as employment, transportation, housing, health, education, and early intervention) to increase choice and flexibility of services for PWDD.

Objective 2.2. By September 30, 2026, provide funding opportunities for at least eight demonstration projects to conduct activities, including but not limited to outreach, training, technical assistance, supporting and educating communities, coordination and collaboration with other organizations or groups, citizen participation, and informing policymakers, to increase the independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion of PWDD and meet current needs and emerging issues of families of PWDD.

Objective 2.3. By September 30, 2026, expand opportunities or other guidance for 25 families or supporters of PWDD 50 years of age or older to plan for future quality of life needs. (Targeted disparity group: aging population of PWDD)

Goal 3: COMMUNITY ACCESS AND RESOURCES

PWDD, their families, policymakers, and others will receive training and resources to enable PWDD and families access to, or to be provided, community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance for current or emerging needs.

Objective 3.1. Each year, support or conduct at least 10 activities to assist neighborhoods and communities to respond positively to PWDD and their families, as well as create awareness of current events, services, supports, and opportunities.

Objective 3.2. Each year, increase the knowledge of at least 50 federal, state, and local policymakers to enhance generic services to meet the current or emerging needs of, or provide specialized services to PWDD and their families.

Objective 3.3. Each year, increase the coordination of activities among the Developmental Disabilities Network partners and at least 10 other service agencies or disability groups to address critical needs and emerging issues of PWDD and engage in advocacy, capacity building, and systems changes activities to improve the lives of PWDD.