Fiscal Year 2026 Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: People with disabilities will not be subject to abuse, neglect, exploitation, or rights violations.

Objective 1: DRP will respond to and address reports of individual and/or systemic abuse, neglect, exploitation, or rights violations in institutional and/or home and community-based settings, by: providing individual assistance, monitoring, investigation, and/or representation in litigation; using and, as needed, enforcing, DRP's federal authority to access records, individuals with disabilities, and facilities or settings where services and supports are provided; and providing referrals to or working with protective services systems.

Objective 2: DRP will engage in routine monitoring in facilities and settings where services and supports are provided and will advocate for any necessary improvements or changes resulting from such monitoring to ensure that people with disabilities in such facilities and settings are not subject to abuse, neglect, exploitation, or rights violations.

Objective 3: DRP will provide advice and/or information and referral services, as appropriate, to people with disabilities and their allies who contact our intake system to enable them to understand their rights and/or self-advocate with respect to issues of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or rights violations.

Objective 4: DRP will use systemic and other group advocacy strategies (including, as appropriate, education of policymakers) to monitor and address legislative, regulatory, policy, or practice proposals, initiatives, or changes relating to abuse, neglect, exploitation, and rights violations involving people with disabilities.

Objective 5: DRP will provide people with disabilities and their supporters (including, for instance, family members, advocates, providers, and attorneys) with information concerning abuse, neglect, exploitation, and rights violations by providing presentations and trainings, participating in outreach events, developing and distributing publications and videos, and/or distributing information through our website, social media, the press, and other means.

Goal 2: People with disabilities will not be subject to unnecessary segregation and institutionalization, including, but not limited to, unnecessary segregation in home and community-based settings.

Objective 1: DRP will advocate in individual and/or systemic cases for integrated community services, supports, and treatment for people with disabilities who are institutionalized, receiving services in unnecessarily segregated settings, at risk of institutionalization, or at risk of receiving services in unnecessarily segregated settings.

Objective 2: DRP will provide advice and/or information and referral services, as appropriate, to people with disabilities and their allies who contact our intake system to enable them to understand their rights and/or self-advocate with respect to issues relating to unnecessary institutionalization and segregation.

Objective 3: DRP will use systemic and other group advocacy strategies (including, as appropriate, education of policymakers) to monitor and address legislative, regulatory, policy, or practice proposals, initiatives, or changes relating to unnecessary institutionalization and segregation, including, but not limited to, advocating for closure, downsizing, or reduced admissions of people with disabilities to congregate, segregated settings.

Objective 4: DRP will provide people with disabilities and their supporters (including, for instance, family members, advocates, providers, and attorneys) with information concerning unnecessary segregation and institutionalization by providing presentations and trainings, participating in outreach events, developing and distributing publications and videos, and/or distributing information through our website, social media, the press, and other means.

Goal 3: People with disabilities will have access to high-quality, consumer-controlled, consumer-driven, person-centered, and recovery-oriented services and benefits to enable them to live and thrive in their own homes and communities.

Objective 1: DRP will advocate in individual and/or systemic cases to secure necessary services and benefits, including but not limited to

physical and behavioral health services and supports, for people with disabilities.

Objective 2: DRP will advocate to ensure that people with disabilities are able to make their own decisions to the maximum extent possible and receive appropriate supported and/or substitute decision-making when necessary.

Objective 3: DRP will provide advice and/or information and referral services, as appropriate, to people with disabilities and their allies who contact our intake system to enable them to understand their rights and/or self-advocate regarding access to services/benefits and decision-making by, with, and for people with disabilities.

Objective 4: DRP will use systemic and other group advocacy strategies (including, as appropriate, educating policymakers) to monitor and address legislative, regulatory, policy, or practice proposals, initiatives, or changes relating to access to services and benefits (including but not limited to ending waiting lists or eliminating other barriers to such services and benefits) and relating to decision-making by, with, and for people with disabilities.

Objective 5: DRP will provide people with disabilities and their supporters (including, for instance, family members, advocates, providers, and attorneys) with information concerning services, benefits, and decision-making by providing presentations and trainings, participating in outreach events, developing and distributing publications and videos, and/or distributing information through our website, social media, the press, and other means

Goal 4: People with disabilities will not be subject to discrimination and will be fully integrated in all aspects of society.

Objective 1: DRP will advocate in individual and/or systemic cases for individuals with disabilities who have been subject to disability discrimination (including, but not limited to, being denied effective communication) in government services, programs, and activities, in housing, in transportation, by public accommodations, and in the labor and employment sphere.

Objective 2: DRP will advocate in individual and/or systemic cases for individuals with disabilities to ensure access to high-quality, integrated, non-discriminatory early intervention, special education, transition, and post-secondary education services.

Objective 3: DRP will advocate in individual and/or systemic cases to ensure that people with disabilities are readily able to register to vote and to cast their ballots in accessible locations and using accessible voting systems and have equal access to the remote registration and voting processes.

Objective 4: DRP will provide advice and/or information and referral services, as appropriate, to people with disabilities and their allies who contact our intake system to enable them to understand their rights and/or self-advocate regarding disability discrimination (including, but not limited to, denial of effective communication), access to education, and voting rights.

Objective 5: DRP will use systemic and other group advocacy strategies (including, as appropriate, education of policymakers) to monitor and address legislative, regulatory, policy, or practice proposals, initiatives, or changes relating to disability discrimination (including, but not limited to, denial of effective communication), access to education, and voting rights.

Objective 6: DRP will provide people with disabilities and their supporters (including, for instance, family members, advocates, providers, and attorneys) with information concerning disability discrimination, access to education, and voting rights by providing presentations and trainings, participating in outreach events, developing and distributing publications and videos, and/or distributing information through our website, social media, the press, and other means.