

### Civil Rights

AUCD will work to protect and enhance civil rights laws, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act and Rehabilitation Act. AUCD will engage in efforts to address inequities at the national, state, tribal, territorial, and local levels. AUCD will work to ensure that every person can vote privately and independently in any federal election.

### Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports

AUCD will work to ensure improved quality of and increased funding for home and community-based services (HCBS) and work to transition people with disabilities from congregate care settings to HCBS. AUCD will work to improve coverage for services provided in HCBS and other long-term services and supports, and to remove Medicaid's institutional bias (that makes institutional care a mandatory service and HCBS an optional service). AUCD will work to expand the direct support professional workforce and ensure the workforce has a career structure, including adequate education, training, and skill development as well as commensurate compensation.

### Employment

AUCD will work to create opportunities for and address barriers to competitive integrated employment (CIE), microenterprise, and self-employment. AUCD will work to ensure that policies and practices set expectations for and build infrastructure for CIE by improving coordination and communication across the service delivery systems. AUCD will work to phase out the use of subminimum wage by supporting organizations to transition from the use of subminimum wage and segregated settings to CIE. AUCD will work to improve the transition from school to adult life.

### Healthcare

AUCD will work to improve quality, accessibility, and affordability of all types of healthcare, including medical, dental/oral health, hearing, vision, behavioral/mental health, and durable medical equipment for people with disabilities. AUCD will work to address inequities in the access to and delivery of healthcare. AUCD will advocate for improvements and funding for the ACA and Medicaid. AUCD will work to ensure the Autism CARES Act is reauthorized and fully funded. AUCD will work to ensure the effective and appropriate healthcare transition from pediatric to adult healthcare services.

### Budget and Appropriations

All AUCD Network Centers and Programs are funded through the federal budget and appropriations process. In addition, adequate funding for other programs for people with disabilities is critical for them to be healthy, receive a quality education, be employed, and live in the community.

*AUCD's priority programs for increased funding include: the University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities, and the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers. AUCD also works to improve funding for: the Projects of National Significance; the Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities, the National Coordinating Center, and Inclusive Think College Higher Education Network; the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research; Assistive Technology Act programs; Family to Family Health Information Centers; research in the National Institutes of Health, programs in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other disability programs.*