
PRIORITIES

PAIMI Program



ADAP's PAIMI program priorities are established annually by ADAP's Governing Authority working jointly with ADAP's PAIMI Advisory Council. Below are our priorities along with some examples of the work we will pursue under each priority.

Protection from Abuse & Neglect

Individuals living with serious mental illness (SMI) or serious emotional disabilities (SED) will be free from abuse and neglect and live in healthier, safer or otherwise improved facility or community settings.

Under this priority, ADAP will:

- Investigate and monitor in facilities and community settings in response to allegations of abuse and neglect
- Seek individual and systemic corrective actions to identified abuse and neglect
- Protect the safety and well-being of individuals with SMI involved in the criminal justice system

Supporting Self-Determination

Individuals living with SMI or SED will be empowered to make their own decisions about their lives to the maximum extent possible.

Under this priority, ADAP will:

- Advocate for the expansion of peer supports
- Pursue lesser alternatives to guardianship

Educational Opportunities

Youth with SED will be provided a free appropriate public education in their least restrictive environment.

Under this priority, ADAP will:

- Provide individual special education advocacy services to families of children with SED related to eligibility, inappropriate discipline practices, provision of appropriate services in least restrictive environment, and transition to adult living
- Engage in systems change activities to ensure that youth with SED are afforded equal educational opportunities

Community Access

Individuals with SMI or SED will have access to services and opportunities that will enhance their ability to live and work as active and equal members of their communities

Under this priority, ADAP will:

- Advocate for accessible and supported housing
- Advocate for supports to foster competitive, integrated employment
- Protect access to healthcare services as the state transitions to a Medicaid managed care system
- Ensure that Medicaid-eligible children receive all medically-necessary mental health services
- Advocate for treatment access for dually-diagnosed individuals (MI and ID/DD)
- Advocate for treatment services in the least restrictive environment

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