

# 2025 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM



The Arc of Florida Supports:

- ✓ **RATE INCREASE TO RETAIN, RECRUIT, AND, SUPPORT DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS (DSPS).** Address minimum wage increase and increased cost of living which threatens service delivery.
- ✓ **BILLING METHODOLOGY FOR APD ADULT DAY TRAINING PROGRAMS (ADT).** The Arc of Florida urges adoption of monthly/daily reimbursement rates which will reduce administrative burden on providers and the agency as well as promote financial viability for providers to provide this valuable service.
- ✓ **PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR PRESUMPTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH LIFELONG DISABILITIES.** Individuals with disabilities should never lose Medicaid eligibility as their disabilities are lifelong.
- ✓ **MATCH FOR APD ADULT DAY TRAINING PROGRAMS (ADT).** The Arc of Florida requests that the in-kind match proviso language be removed as it is not authorized by Florida Statutes, nor is it allowable under Florida's Medicaid State Plan.
- ✓ **REDUCE THE AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES' (APD) WAITING LIST.** A proposed waiver for transitioning students with I/DD out of schools is being considered and a new Pilot explored.
- ✓ **STATUTORY DEFINITION OF DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS (DSP).** Accurate and comprehensive data on DSPs is crucial to understand the workforce and to develop effective solutions to address recruitment and other shortages.
- ✓ **HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.** Housing tailored to the I/DD population is crucial and continued discussions for next year's legislative agenda is a priority.
- ✓ **VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (VR).** Support the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation's legislative budget request to increase state funds in order to draw down additional monies for a provider rate increase of \$9.1 million.
- ✓ **DEVELOPING OFFICIAL FORECASTS OF MEDICAID CASELOADS AND EXPENDITURES** is a responsibility of the Social Services Estimating Conference (SSEC). State agencies are required to use these forecasts for planning and budgeting purposes.

