

ARIZONA CENTER FOR DISABILITY LAW

Objectives for Services FY 2009

Case Selection Criteria

1. The applicant must meet the program eligibility guidelines and the legal problems must fall within an objective or priority for services.
2. Services will be provided only to persons whose legal problems are related to their status as an individual with a disability, whose legal problems are susceptible to resolution by Center staff and whose claims have legal merit.
3. Services will generally only be provided to individuals whose problems cannot be solved by other individuals, agencies, attorneys or organizations.
4. Individuals from under-served or unserved populations or geographic regions will receive priority for outreach, training and representation.
5. Direct legal representation will only be provided to individuals that present systemic issues or problems.
6. Even within priority areas, services will be contingent upon the availability of staff and resources.

Protection and Advocacy Program for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI)

- OBJECTIVE #1: To protect PAIMI-eligible individuals from abuse, neglect or rights violations in facilities.
- OBJECTIVE #2: To assist PAIMI-eligible individuals in asserting, enforcing and defending their rights to appropriate mental health care services.
- OBJECTIVE #3: To assist PAIMI-eligible individuals in asserting, enforcing and defending their rights to special education, employment and housing.
- OBJECTIVE #4: Support and promote the PAIMI Advisory Council.

Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PADD)

- OBJECTIVE #1: Reduce the incidence of abuse and neglect of individuals with developmental disabilities by improving the quality of investigations of abuse and neglect conducted by the Arizona Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD).
- OBJECTIVE #2: Ensure access to comprehensive and appropriate health care services for individuals with developmental disabilities who are beneficiaries of Medicaid and/or Medicare.
- OBJECTIVE #3: Improve access to appropriate and high quality special education services for students with developmental disabilities.
- OBJECTIVE #4: Promote equal opportunity to employment, housing and public accommodations.
- OBJECTIVE #5: Collaboration with the ADD Network.

Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights - PAIR

- OBJECTIVE #1: Increase access by persons with disabilities to services, programs, and facilities open to the public.
- OBJECTIVE #2: Ensure access to comprehensive and appropriate healthcare services for individuals with disabilities who are beneficiaries of Medicaid and/or Medicare.
- OBJECTIVE #3: Expand access to appropriate and high quality special education services for students who do not qualify for services under our PADD or PAIMI program.
- OBJECTIVE #4: To reduce the discriminatory barriers which prevent qualified people with disabilities from being hired, maintaining employment, obtaining reasonable accommodations and working in a workplace free of unlawful harassment, retaliation and intimidation.
- OBJECTIVE #5: Promote equal opportunity to housing under the fair housing act for people with disabilities. Bring about this awareness through trainings, dissemination of written information, information and referral services, short term and technical assistance, and litigation, where appropriate.