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## 1 - ABUSE AND NEGLECT

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### DISCHARGE FROM INSTITUTIONS

To ensure that individuals with disabilities in institutional settings are discharged to community settings with appropriate supports and services.

### INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

To ensure that the rights of individuals with disabilities in institutions and community settings are protected.

### UNUSUAL AND SUSPICIOUS DEATHS

To ensure that unusual and suspicious deaths of persons residing in state-operated or sponsored institutions and programs are appropriately investigated and responded to.

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## 2 - DISCRIMINATION

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### HOUSING

To ensure that people with disabilities have greater access to accessible, affordable housing and experience decreased housing discrimination.

### VOTING

To ensure that people with disabilities have the opportunity and can exercise the right to register and vote.

### EMPLOYMENT

To ensure that people with disabilities experience decreased employment discrimination and gain increased opportunities.

### PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES

To ensure that people with disabilities have non-discriminatory access to public accommodations and public entities.

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## 3 - COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

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### COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

To ensure that adults with disabilities have access to appropriate community-based supports and services.

### ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

To improve the availability of accessible transportation for people with disabilities.

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## 4 - HEALTH CARE

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To ensure that people with disabilities have access to appropriate health care services.

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## 4A - DECISION MAKING

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To ensure that the rights of individuals with disabilities are protected through informed, supported individual and/or surrogate decision making.

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## 5 - CHILDREN

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### EDUCATION

To ensure that children with disabilities receive equal educational opportunities in the least restrictive setting appropriate for their needs

### COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

To ensure that children with disabilities have access to appropriate community-based supports and services.

### BULLYING

To ensure that children with disabilities do not experience bullying in educational settings.

### SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE

To ensure that children with disabilities receive appropriate services and supports to oppose policies and practices that promote the school-to-prison pipeline.

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## 6 - ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

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### STATE LEVEL ACTIVITIES

To conduct state level activities to increase awareness and acquisition of assistive technology.

### STATE LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

To conduct statewide leadership activities to increase awareness and enhance the use of assistive technology.

### COMMUNITY CHOICE FUND

To facilitate the discharge of people with disabilities and elderly residents of nursing homes to the community through access to assistive technology devices and services.

### ADVOCACY

To increase access to assistive technology through individual advocacy and legal representation.

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## 7 - EMPLOYMENT

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### REHABILITATION SERVICES

To ensure that people with disabilities receive services on a timely basis consistent with the Rehabilitation Act.

### WORK-RELATED OVERPAYMENTS

To assist beneficiaries of Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income who receive notices of work-related overpayments that threaten continued employment.

### TICKET TO WORK AND WORK INCENTIVES

To assist beneficiaries of Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income to remove barriers to employment.

### EMPLOYMENT FIRST

To promote policies and practices that maximize employment potential in integrated settings for competitive wages.

### TRANSITION

To ensure that the state's vocational rehabilitation programs maximize employment transition services for students and vocational rehabilitation clients transitioning from school to adult life.

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## 8 - CONSUMER OUTREACH, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING

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### UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

To increase services to historically underserved urban, rural and minority persons with disabilities.

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

To promote the education of consumers and their families regarding disability rights and issues.

### SELF-ADVOCACY

To promote consumer participation in self-advocacy and rights education and training.

**DRNJ's Mission: Advocating and Advancing the Human, Civil and Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

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