

# 2026 Legislative Priorities Summary Statements

CCDD promotes policies and solutions that advance the well-being of all Kentuckians with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (I/DD), their families, and all who love them, by supporting and advancing policies that create and maintain true community inclusion, such as:

## Dignity in Healthcare

All individuals should have access to high quality healthcare that respects the person's dignity and is based on principles of nondiscrimination.



## Supported Decision Making

SDM principles allow individuals to stay in control of their lives while receiving the help and assistance they need to do so, thus reducing the need for full guardianship.

## Employment

Individuals with I/DD should have opportunities to pursue and retain competitive, integrated employment; creating value for themselves and their communities



## Long-Term Services & Support

Home & Community Based Waiver Services (HCBS) support the ability of individuals to live life on their own terms, are more cost effective than institutions, and promote self-determination.

## Education

Inclusive education policies, starting with early childcare settings and continuing through postsecondary education, are necessary to assist Kentuckians with I/DD in reaching their full potential.



## Transportation

Reliable, accessible, and affordable access to transportation is critical to ensure people with I/DD are fully included in all aspects of their community of choice.



## Independent & Accessible Living

Individuals with I/DD have a right to live independently in safe, accessible, and affordable housing in their community of choice.



## Civil Rights

All people, regardless of ability, are entitled to equal human and civil rights.

