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STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

IARF is Illinois' largest statewide association advocating on behalf of community-based providers serving children and adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities and serious mental illnesses.

WHAT WE DO

Facilitate a **Community** of best practices in I/DD and BH services and supports.

Through **Advocacy**, advance the priorities of community-based providers.

Advance **Policy** informed by experts in the field of community based services and supports.

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPERATIVES

Advance Policy Priorities focused on high-quality services and supports.

Facilitate membership networking and engagement to foster a community of practice.

Promote and share best practices to meet the needs of individuals and families.

Proliferate system intelligence and navigation.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Community-based services and supports must be person-centered and accountable.

Services and supports must be sustainable to foster innovation.



COMMUNITY

- Pilot Applied Behavior Analysis Training Series for QIDPs
- Deepen Skillsets for Frontline Supervisors
- Continue Race, Equity, and Inclusion Partnership with United Front Ft. Wayne



ADVOCACY

- Fully Fund Direct Support Professional Wage Rate at 150% of the Statewide, Regional, or Local Minimum Wage
- Increase Targeted Medicaid Mental Health Rates – Implement ARPA Investments in Workforce and Crisis Services
- Train Up Grassroots/Grasstops Advocates and Build Local Networks



POLICY

- Expand and Professionalize the Direct Support Professional Workforce
- Advance Expansion and Implementation of Student Loan Repayment Programs
- Alleviate Overburdensome Administrative Requirements
- Advance CCBHC Demonstration Grant Implementation in Illinois
- Collaborate on BH Crisis Care Continuum Implementation (988/CESSA/MCR/Pathways)
- Engage Government on Children & Youth Service Capacity Recommendations
- Phase Out 14c in Illinois Based on IARF Principles of Employment of Persons with I/DD



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