

2024 INARF Legislative Agenda

Supporting the Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Task Force (1102 Task Force) Goals

INARF appreciates the years of work that has been done within the 1102 Task Force. Since being established in 2017, this Task Force has researched new ways to benefit the I/DD community and those that provide their services. The five goals of the Task Force identified in 2023 are priorities for INARF in 2024 and beyond. INARF welcomes the opportunity to view language on the following topics so that the I/DD community can continue receiving the attention it deserves.

- Medicaid Waiver Redesign/Reset
- Increased employment opportunities for people with disabilities
- More accessible transportation
- Stronger health and wellness standards
- Continued updates to the Statewide Crisis Response service (988) for people with disabilities

Transportation

- We are currently researching Medicaid ride sharing programs outside of NEMT in other states (AZ, TX, FL), and how Indiana can incorporate them for people with disabilities.
- Uber and Lyft currently offer wheelchair accessibility options and have been expanding their transportation services for people with disabilities.
- Raise awareness for transportation access issues in the I/DD community
- This is part of the INARF Board's priority on Waiver Redesign.

DSP Data Transparency

- Take appropriate actions to require the DWD to post the DSP workforce information on its website.
- Currently, the DWD issues monthly employment reports and gives breakdowns based on occupations. DSPs do not have their own separate classification.
- Allowing this data to be publicly available will demonstrate the state's commitment to understanding DSP workforce trends and giving attention to our industry.
- This is part of the INARF Board's priority to increase focus on Member DSW workforce issues.