

INARF 2022 Legislative Agenda

INARF Appointments

INARF appreciates the importance of collaboration and information sharing. By being involved on various Councils, Committees, and Advisory Groups, we are able to advocate for the unique needs of individuals with disabilities. INARF continues to seek out opportunities to provide that advocacy on newly appointed Committees, such as the 211 Advisory Committee, and to be involved at the strategic level in implementing the 9-8-8 Crisis Intervention Service.

- INARF representative appointment to the 211 Advisory Committee (IC 12-13-16-9)
- INARF representative appointment to the Statewide 988 Board or language to require coordination with IDD providers in implementing the 988 program

Telehealth

The COVID-19 pandemic shed a light on the necessity of service provision outside of the traditional models. Telehealth was instrumental in ensuring that individuals with disabilities were still receiving the much-needed services they had come to rely on, despite the limitations on travel and access. INARF applauds the quick action of the Indiana General Assembly in enacting Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 3, which allows licensed healthcare professionals to provide services via telehealth. However, we know the important of broadening that scope to other providers, including waiver Case Managers and Therapists, who are essential providers and who individuals have come to rely on while utilizing telehealth. INARF supports telehealth services for waiver Case Management and therapy services if that is the client's choice, regardless of the provider's licensure status.

- Expand telehealth to include waiver services such as Case Management and therapy services

Medicaid Managed Care

- INARF reaffirms its opposition to the development of a managed care model for HCBS and group home services being provided to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It is INARF's position that under the existing system, services to people with I/DD are already managed through strategies such as case management, budget caps and service authorizations that provide a balanced, financially predictable system oriented towards community integration.