2017-2021 Five-Year State Plan

GOAL 1: The UDDC will support the increase of access to, and the use of, health services for people with developmental and other disabilities and their families, including: dental, vision, behavioral and mental health.

Objective 1.1 Facilitate the assessment of current dental, vision, behavioral and mental health resources.

1.2 Facilitate the education of individuals, families and policy makers in at least five Utah counties (identified as having the greatest gaps in resources and services) about the nature and availability of dental, vision, behavioral and mental health services and the status of current resources available.

1.3 Increase representation of people with disabilities and their families serving on mental health and medical advisory boards and committees.

1.4 Facilitate an increase in access to health services for Spanish-speaking Utahns *(Targeted disparity objective and collaboration with the DLC and CPD)*

GOAL 2: The UDDC will collaborate with the Employment First Initiative to increase the awareness of employment opportunities for people with developmental and other disabilities.

Objective: 2.1 Include people with disabilities and their families on Employment First planning committees.

2.2 Facilitate the education of Utahns about the Employment First initiative and its expectations.

2.3 Facilitate the exploration of using alternative transportation resources for people to get to their jobs and other necessary appointments.

GOAL 3: The UDDC will build leadership and self and community advocacy skills of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Objective: 3.1 People First of Utah will become a recognized and trusted self-advocacy organization with an Advisory Board.

3.2 UDDC will support established self-advocate leaders to educate and bring awareness to community members.

3.3 The UDDC will support people with disabilities and their families to become certified advocates through the completion of the Certified Disability Advocate Program.

3.4 The UDDC will support the Utah Sibs Network in its efforts to educate and empower siblings of people with disabilities.