

State Protection & Advocacy Systems

Fiscal Year 2005 Performance Highlights

The Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) funds Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&As) in each U.S. State and territory, and in one Native American Consortium, to uphold and advance the civil and human rights of people with developmental disabilities. P&As supply their clients with information and referral services, and pursue legal and administrative solutions to remedy abuse and neglect, and to protect the right to live free from discrimination and isolation in mainstream society. P&A intervention assisted 20,052 people with developmental disabilities in Fiscal Year 2005. The following list is a partial summary of the ways in which the P&As advanced inclusion, integration, independence, productivity, and self-determination of people with developmental disabilities in Fiscal Year 2005.

Employment: Ensuring the ability to choose, acquire, and retain employment that meets or exceeds financial needs, and does so in an inclusive community setting.

- 36 P&As reporting on this priority supported 426 people with developmental disabilities in obtaining or maintaining employment consistent with their interests, abilities, and needs.

Education: Maximizing student potential to obtain the most complete education, in the most inclusive environment possible.

- 57 P&As worked with parents, educators, school administrators, and policy makers to ensure that 11,736 students with developmental disabilities gained or maintained access to appropriate educational opportunities in their local area.

Health: Ensuring equal integrated access to health, dental, psychiatric and counseling services, and other human and social services.

- 50 P&As increased access to affordable health care for 1,340 individuals with developmental disabilities by providing advice, advocacy training, legal intervention, or other forms of assistance.

Housing: Promoting fair housing practices that enable a person with a developmental disability to live in the setting that best suits the individual.

- 48 P&As assisted 408 individuals in obtaining or retaining a residence, living where and with whom they chose.

Child Care: Expanding the availability of flexible, affordable childcare services with accessible facilities, inclusive practices, and staff trained to care for children with developmental disabilities or relate to parents with developmental disabilities.

- 20 P&As assisted 67 families in finding or maintaining childcare that met the needs of both the parent and the child.

Transportation: Ensuring that people have availability of accessible transportation to and from work, school, health care, and community activities, and addressing personal needs such as grocery shopping and common errands.

- 33 P&As helped 133 people with developmental disabilities locate the solutions necessary to get where they needed to go.

Recreation: Increasing the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in community activities, public events, social gatherings, and other every-day diversions.

- 19 P&As facilitated participation or inclusion in order for 63 individuals to be able to enjoy activities they chose.

Quality Assurance: Protecting the rights of people with developmental disabilities, ensuring the ability to live free from abuse and neglect, and preserving their ability to make choices for their lives.

- 57 P&As secured or maintained quality assistance for 5,879 people with developmental disabilities, increasing their safety or personal welfare, and maintaining their personal authority.



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