



Fiscal Year 2025 PAIMI Priorities

1. DLC will work toward ensuring PAIMI-eligible individuals in Colorado are not denied available, accessible, affordable, and supportive housing on account of a disability.

- Engage a minimum of 3 partner agencies in efforts to increase equitable access and availability to a full continuum of housing for PAIMI-eligible individuals. (Target: 3 partnerships)
- DLC will create self-advocacy materials to assist PAIMI-eligible individuals in accessing and maintaining appropriate housing and distribute to at least 1000 PAIMI-eligible individuals. (Target: 1000 people)

2. DLC will engage a variety of strategies to enforce settlement agreements and consent decrees affecting PAIMI-eligible individuals to ensure that litigation efforts achieve and maintain the intended outcomes and systemic changes.

- DLC will continue to enforce the consent decree in *The Legal Center d/b/a Disability Law Colorado v. Barnes* and the settlement agreement in *G.A. v. Bimestefer* (Target: 2 consent decree/settlement agreements enforced)
- DLC will engage in various strategies to ensure that outcomes from the above consent decree are maintained and sustained without relying on the consent decree or related fines. (Target: 1 consent decree)

3. DLC will engage in various strategies to ensure that PAIMI-eligible individuals are free from all forms of abuse, neglect, rights violations and discrimination.

- Advocate for equal access to housing, employment, transportation and appropriate treatment in the least restrictive environment. (Target: 25 individuals.) (Target: 5 relevant committees, councils and stakeholder groups)
- DLC will monitor psychiatric hospitals with an expanded focus on civil commitment and involuntary treatment, and DLC will provide education and self-advocacy materials on rights surrounding civil commitment and involuntary treatment. (Target: 5 psychiatric hospitals) (Target: 3 self-advocacy materials created)
- DLC will utilize a variety of interventions and strategies to ensure that facilities serving PAIMI-eligible individuals are free from abuse, neglect and rights violations and to promote best practices that enhance the lives of PAIMI-eligible individuals. (Target: 10 facilities monitored) (Target: 5 trainings)

4. DLC will work with PAIMI-eligible youth (and relevant adult parties) to ensure they are not removed from or at risk of being removed from school, bullied, restrained, or secluded because of their disability.

- DLC will educate students in facilities (“multi-marginalized youth”) about their educational rights (Target: 30 youth/adults educated about rights)



- DLC will take action to address noncompliance within systems (residential & correctional facilities, segregated schools, school districts, etc.) regarding these practices. (Target: 2 administrative complaints or demand letters involving special education within these systems)

5. DLC will engage in various efforts to educate and empower PAIMI-eligible individuals to live as independently as possible and to minimize restrictions placed on the rights of PAIMI-eligible individuals.

- DLC will promote low-level interventions and restrictions in place of traditional, broad, and long-term restrictions such as: supported decision-making and powers of attorney as an alternative to guardianship and representative payee, civil diversion. (Target: 10 trainings with information on supported decision-making) (Target: 1 training to attorneys about alternatives to guardianship).
- Work to remove barriers to access and continuity to benefits, including Medicaid and Medicare, Social Security Income and Social Security Disability Income; facilitate access to care and services. (Target: 5 individuals) (Target: 2 committees, stakeholder groups, or task forces)