

Governor's Office on Disability

2008

MISSION STATEMENT

Facilitate the inclusion of Alabamians with disabilities in education, employment, housing, transportation, health care, and leisure.

Collaboration Initiative

Establish a united voice to determine and meet the needs of the GOOD Mission*

Objective 1:

Utilize local advisory committees to determine the unmet needs of Alabamians with disabilities.

Strategies:

- ◆ GOOD Executive or Deputy responsible for specific local advisory committees within specified geographical boundaries.
 - Meet regularly with local advisory committees.
 - Establish outcome priorities for GOOD based on goals and objectives set by the Governor and local advisory committees.

Objective 2:

Partner with public and private entities, inclusive of state agencies, that advance the achievement of the GOOD Mission*

Strategies:

- ◆ Identify public and private disability-related organizations serving Alabamians with disabilities and their families.
- ◆ Meet with directors of public and private disability related organizations.
- ◆ Facilitate collaboration among disability groups, preventing and reducing fragmentation.

Objective 3:

To accept and resolve referrals regarding disability issues from the Governor's Constituent Affairs Office and other referral resources.

Strategies:

- ◆ Maintain a log of calls and dispositions.
- ◆ Respond to inquiries, making appropriate referrals and assuring the informal resolution of disputes where warranted.

Consultation Initiative

Serve as advisor on public disability-related issues in Alabama

Objective 1:

Provide informal legal opinions on disability issues to the Governor's Legal Office.

Strategies:

- ◆ Meet regularly with Governor's Legal Staff.

Objective 2:

Provide analytical information to the Governor's Legal Office relative to the GOOD Mission*

Strategies:

- ◆ Preparation of policy papers based on needs assessments (local advisory committee, disability related organizations and state agencies).

Objective 3:

Act as an expert resource regarding the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act and related laws.

Strategies:

- ◆ Maintain a log of calls and dispositions.
- ◆ Respond to ADA hotline calls, making appropriate referrals and assuring the informal resolution of disputes where warranted.

Legislation Initiative

Monitor Alabama's disability related legislation and policies and provide policy analysis to the Governor

Objective 1:

Monitor constituent issues with regard to policy formulation and recommendations for legislation.

Strategies:

- ◆ Consider local advisory committees and other disability related groups to identify issues relative to the GOOD Mission*
- ◆ Consider input from directors of public and private disability related organizations to identify issues relative to the GOOD Mission*
- ◆ Prepare interagency agreements relative to the advancement of disability constituent organizations in comparison with unmet needs which affect persons with disabilities.

Objective 2:

Serve as liaison to the Governor on all necessary matters of interest related to the GOOD Mission*

Strategies:

- ◆ Meet regularly with the Governor, Governor's Chief of Staff, and Policy Chief.
- ◆ Make recommendations on or for proposed legislation and policy.

Dissemination Initiative

Promote public awareness of actions and activities in fulfilling GOOD Mission*

Objective 1:

Increase effective utilization of available resources for Alabamians with disabilities.

Strategies:

- ◆ Maintain a database of public and private disability-related organizations serving Alabamians with disabilities and their families.
- ◆ Preparation of fact sheets related to education, employment, housing, transportation, health care, and leisure/recreation.

Objective 2:

Establish a web site as the primary dissemination method of GOOD actions, activities and publications.

Strategies:

- ◆ Publish informational resources on education, employment, housing, transportation, health care, and leisure and recreation for Alabamians with disabilities and their families.
- ◆ Publish list of public and private disability-related organizations serving Alabamians with disabilities and their families.
- ◆ Publish an on-line, consumer newsletter consisting of the GOOD actions and activities in fulfilling Mission Statement.
- ◆ Publish policy papers.
- ◆ Publish GOOD Annual Report.
- ◆ Establish GOOD list serve.
- ◆ Link to Governor's Web site.

Objective 3:

Promote local and/or statewide media coverage of GOOD actions and activities when possible

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