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2013-2018 CCIDS Goals and Objectives

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Goal 1: Interdisciplinary Education

- 1.1 ! Provide University of Maine faculty with information and resources.**
- 1.2 ! Continue to offer undergraduate and graduate courses in Disability Studies.**
- 1.3 ! Continue to provide interdisciplinary Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) graduate study for NH-ME LEND. !**
- 1.4 ! Develop and implement educational opportunities for Maine physicians and related community health providers.**
- 1.5 ! Expand postsecondary opportunities for individuals with disabilities.**

Goal 2: Community Outreach

- 2.1 ! Provide leadership development and support to self-advocates in ME.**
- 2.2 ! Support a leadership institute for self-advocates, including youth and family members.**
- 2.3 ! Establish a Disability Leadership Academy for state policymakers and community and state agency professionals. !**

- 2.4 ! Provide technical assistance and training to increase the availability of high quality, inclusive early intervention and child care.**
- 2.5 ! Provide technical assistance to improve home and community-based (HCBS) waiver services and supports, family/person-centered planning, and reduce or eliminate wait lists.**
- 2.6 ! Provide training and technical assistance on health and wellness.**
- 2.7 ! Provide training and technical assistance on best practices in the areas of early childhood, education, person/family-centered planning, positive supports, autism, child care, housing and employment.**
- 2.8 ! Provide technical assistance in the use of universally designed and assistive technology.**
- 2.9 ! Provide training for self-advocates in the areas of literacy, computer literacy and social networking.**
- 2.10 ! Provide technical assistance and resources to clergy, laity, congregations and service providers on inclusive spiritual supports.**

Goal 3: Research, Evaluation and Policy Analysis

- 3.1 ! Develop applied research agendas in the areas of early childhood, health/wellness, inclusion, and autism. !**
- 3.2 ! Survey the accessibility of Maine playgrounds and recreational programs.**
- 3.3 ! Conduct focus groups of self-advocates on transportation barriers and identify possible community solutions.**

Goal 4: !Creating and Sharing Important Information About the Needs of People with Disabilities

- 4.1 ! Write one policy brief and/or provide testimony each year and share with ! policymakers. !**
- 4.2 ! Share results of our work at professional meetings and conferences. !**
- 4.3 ! Write and publish five articles in professional journals each year. !**
- 4.4 ! Share the results of our work each quarter with people with disabilities, family ! members and community members. !**
- 4.5 ! Create and share educational materials related to areas of emphasis. !**
- 4.6 ! Share results of our work with newspapers and other news outlets. !**