

**Year Five (2017-2018) Progress Report
CCIDS 2013-2018 Goals and Objectives
(Updated: September 29, 2017)**

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.

Goal 2: Community Outreach

- 2.1 Provide leadership development and support to self-advocates in ME.
- 2.2 Provide technical assistance and training to increase the availability of high quality, inclusive early care and education including childcare.
- 2.3 Provide technical assistance to improve home and community-based (HCBS) waiver services and supports, family/person-centered planning, and reduce or eliminate wait lists.
- 2.4 Provide training and technical assistance on health and wellness.
- 2.5 Provide training and technical assistance on best practices in the areas of education, person/family-centered planning, positive supports, autism, housing and employment.
- 2.6 Provide technical assistance in the use of universally designed and assistive technology.
- 2.7 Provide training for self-advocates in the areas of literacy, computer literacy and social networking.
- 2.8 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 Conduct an assessment of the community housing needs of children and adults with disabilities who reside in nursing homes or other congregate care facilities and prepare a report with recommendations for policymakers.
- 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.