

FFY 2027 Focus Areas

A complete list of P&A's focus areas is available at www.ndpanda.org. Focus areas are dependent on resources and may be subject to change.

Abuse, Neglect, & Exploitation

Individuals will be free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

- Respond to suspected abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
- Monitor service providers.
- Conduct Representative Payee reviews.
- Educate, collaborate, and strive for systems change to address abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Community Inclusion

Individuals will receive treatment, services, and supports to meaningfully participate in the community.

- Assistive Technology – Advocate for access to disability-related assistive technology.
- Education – Advocate for educational rights due to issues such as:
 - Least restrictive environment
 - Seclusion and restraint
 - Shortened school days
 - Suspensions or expulsions
 - Denial of 504 or IEP disability-related accommodations
- Employment – Address disability-related barriers to employment due to issues such as:
 - Employment accommodations
 - Housing
 - Transition planning
 - Transportation
 - Disability-related criminal record
 - Disability-related employment discrimination
 - Student debt
 - Help applying for vocational rehabilitation or independent living services
 - Denial of or dissatisfaction with vocational rehabilitation or independent living services
- Healthcare – Advocate for medically necessary healthcare denied by Medicaid.
- Inclusion – Advocate for access to community-based services and support.
- Voting – Ensure individuals have knowledge of the voting process.
- Educate, collaborate, and strive for systems change to promote community inclusion.

Criminal & Juvenile Justice

Within the justice system disability-related rights will be protected.

- Advocate for appropriate disability-related treatment and supports in the justice system.
- Educate, collaborate, and strive for systems change to ensure the justice system recognizes disability-related rights.

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