

CASD Goal: Understand the needs of the ever-growing adolescent and young adult population with ASD and determine how best to meet their unique needs.

Objective: Expand and develop new service plans that will provide them with the opportunity to reach their potential, live as independently as possible and have a good quality of life.

Objective 2.3: Promote and legislatively advocate for policies and funding which deliver self-directed, person-centered services for adults.

2.3.1 Collaborate with the Governor's Task Force on Integrated Employment to advocate for and ensure that the employment needs and choices of Nevadans with ASD are identified, understood and addressed.

**Status: TFIE page on ADSD Web site down. Working with CSPD Staff and Chair to create partnership between Autism Commission and CSPD re: ASD issues that impact working aged population (K-12 transition age or above).**

2.3.2 Promote entrepreneurial enterprise and business creation opportunities for Nevadans with ASD to:

- Governor's Office of Economic Development
- Local and state agencies
- Private for-profit and non-profit entities

**Status: Working on securing Governor's Chief of Staff to present during Q1 2018. Will be requesting that VR administration present updated outcome data at tomorrow's subcommittee meeting.**

2.3.3 Collaborate with ADSD, DHCFF, Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities, providers and recipients to establish policies and systems which enable Nevadans with disabilities, including ASD, to self-select their own residential setting.

**Status: NNCIL rep with subject matter expertise has been difficult to schedule. Working on alternative presenter (s) during Q1 2018.**

2.3.4 Compile and adopt service standards for adults over the age of 21, living with ASD. Standards may cover issues such as:

- Eligibility for Services
- Treatment
- Higher Education & Employment Assistance
- Housing Options and Supports
- Family Supports

**Status: Presentations' goals is to provide the interdisciplinary subcommittee with an equal understanding of issues that face working aged population. Hoping to complete during Q1 2018.**

2.3.5 Advocate for public policies and funding allocations that support service standard implementation.

**Status: Preparing as part of agency BDR conversations.**

Objective 2.4 Promote and legislatively advocate for policies and funding which adequately meet the needs of individuals with ASD living in rural and frontier areas of the state.

**Status: Deferring to Renee and/or Korri for any progress across the board. My area of expertise is Southern NV. However, many of the issues enumerated below can be statewide issues.**

2.4.1 Research, identify and advocate for alternative approaches to providing ASD services in rural communities.

2.4.2 Advocate for rural parity in ASD services provided through school districts.

2.4.3 Advocate with NEIS and ATAP for funding to support travel expenses for families when accessing services are unavailable in local community.

2.4.4 Coordinate with state service providers to utilize mobile clinics and tele-medicine for treatment, services and supports.