

AK #1 National Recommendation:

Key Points (summary): Educate the public about people with disabilities and self advocacy

- Attitudes still lag behind an understanding of the capacity and contributions of people with disabilities.
- AIDD should reach out beyond the DD network to “sing beyond the choir” and promote positive attitudes.
- Promote work incentives and building assets as a way to expand the public’s perception of people with disabilities.

#2 National Recommendation:

Key Points (summary): CMS Dear State Director Letter

- AIDD to work with CMS to publish a Dear Director letter that would clarify that it was permissible for Day Habilitation to cover support for individuals in self advocacy, peer support, and advocacy.
- This is similar to the supported employment letter that allows supported employment to utilize peer support as a billable service.
- DD networks should take advantage of the letter to clarify the issue for providers and State Medicaid Agencies.

#3 National Recommendation:

Key Points (summary): Raise Expectations

- Raise the expectation for DD networks and grantees to include Self Advocates
- AIDD to publish a Guidance Letter to engage the UCEDDs and PnA to have more collaboration around initiatives with the DD Councils in supporting self advocacy groups.
- AIDD should encourage DD Act networks including providers to promote Self Advocacy
- We need to keep focused on SA as a priority
- Truly engage and act on recommendations of Self Advocates