



ALMOST HEAVEN
WEST VIRGINIA



Policy Recommendations

- 1. Make states self advocacy information and training centers as equal part of the DD act. Some people call this adding the 4th leg another way to think about it is that it would support the UCEDDS, P&As and DD councils and make the DD act stronger.*
- 2. Make employment first a national policy and get rid of sub minimum wage. Try to put adults with disabilities working in the community first before putting them in workshops.*

Action Recommendations

1. *Have ADD work with other federal agencies to improve things like education, employment, transportation, housing, healthcare and other community services (such as Department of Education, Transportation Department, Housing and Urban Development, CMS, etc). Possibly requiring self-advocacy training for teacher certification.*

-enforce existing laws that are in place for transportation. Department of Justice is a great example of supporting Olmsted

-make sure federal agencies such as the ADD are thinking of rural areas when instating a funding policy. For example, in small towns in WV they cannot afford the current funding policy for transportation.

-ADD needs to make sure other agencies are aware of this also

2. *Hire and provide leadership opportunities for people with developmental disabilities at the federal level at federal agencies like ADA*

-this would set a precedent and hopefully force states to provide jobs as well

-ensure vulnerable populations are protected by having a person with disabilities check-up to ensure laws are being enforced.

-hire a person with disabilities to be an advocate within federal agency