



## PAIMI PRIORITIES | FY 2026-27

### **1. Free PAIMI-eligible individuals from abuse, neglect, rights violations, and discrimination.**

- a. Advocate for changes to Colorado's jail-based restoration programs (RISE at Arapahoe County Jail, 10 beds at Denver County Jail) to foster treatment instead of punishment.  
TARGET: TWO SITES
- b. Review laws and rules on the use of psychotropic medication formularies at county jails and state psychiatric hospitals. Craft and implement an appropriate advocacy plan, including a process for changing medications already being taken at the time of admission, intake, or transfer.  
TARGET: ONE ADVOCACY PLAN
- c. Gather and analyze the concerns of individuals — including those in facilities — about informed consent and involuntary treatment. Advocate for appropriate changes, including the right to receive clear information and to be tested for adverse reactions before being given medications.  
TARGET: ONE ADVOCACY PLAN
- d. Monitor facilities that serve PAIMI-eligible individuals, educate residents about their rights, and seek input from individuals with lived experience. Share findings with the Advisory Council.  
TARGET: 20 FACILITIES
- e. Promote equal access for PAIMI-eligible youth to services, programming, and extracurricular activities.  
TARGET: THREE YOUTH OR PROGRAMS



## **2. Support successful community integration/reintegration for PAIMI-eligible individuals.**

- a. Explore ways — short of guardianship — to engage appropriate and concerned family members, friends, and other natural supports, while respecting individuals' right to choose who is involved in their treatment. Examples: psychiatric advance directives, SAFE, WRAP, presence, treatment records, family and natural support liaisons, releases, self-advocacy for loved ones and supportive people, staff training, guardians ad litem for adults in involuntary treatment and commitment hearings. Obtain input from both family members and PAIMI-eligible individuals. Protect the rights of people with disabilities by putting their needs and desires first, instead of compromising their rights for the sake of others.

TARGET: THREE IDEAS AND AT LEAST ONE ADVOCACY PATH

- b. Reduce reliance on — and promote alternatives to — guardianship for PAIMI-eligible individuals.

TARGET: TWO STRATEGIES

- c. Draft and implement plans to make peer support specialists and vocational rehabilitation programs more accessible to PAIMI-eligible individuals. Ensure that such programs, including those at the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the state psychiatric hospitals, provide person-centered services and respect self-direction.

TARGET: TWO PLANS

## **3. Enforce settlement agreements affecting PAIMI-eligible individuals.**

- a. Enforce (or amend) the consent decree in [The Legal Center dba Disability Law Colorado v. Barnes](#) by filing or threatening to file for material breach.

TARGET: ONE DECREE

- b. Enforce the settlement agreement in [A.A. v. Bimestefer](#).

TARGET: 1 AGREEMENT



**4. Strengthen the rights of PAIMI-eligible individuals by facilitating community integration and preventing unnecessary institutionalization and restrictions.**

Review laws on supported decision-making, psychiatric advance directives, medication formularies, patients' rights, peer specialists, housing, or other issues concerning PAIMI-eligible individuals. Advocate for more thorough and appropriate implementation to ensure that the goals of the legislation are being met.

TARGET: THREE LAWS

**5. Free PAIMI-eligible youth from restraint, seclusion, bullying, and school push-out.**

- a. File administrative complaints to address these issues when the potential remedies could be systemic.

TARGET: TWO COMPLAINTS

- b. Educate PAIMI-eligible youth about their rights in school and/or residential facilities.

TARGET: 30 YOUTH

**6. Highlight the humanity and dignity, and quality of life of PAIMI-eligible individuals.**

- a. Use social media posts to increase understanding of these topics.

TARGET: FIVE POSTS

- b. Add questions about quality of life to monitoring visits.

TARGET: FIVE QUESTIONS