



Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities, Inc.
Strategic Long Range Plan
2008-2012

On December 1, 2007, following almost a year of work and input from nearly 800 stakeholders, the Advocacy Center's Board of Directors adopted a Strategic Long Range Plan for the period 2008 - 2012. The Advocacy Center's mission statement, strategic goals and action steps for this five year period are as follows:

Mission Statement

To advance the quality of life, dignity, equality, self-determination and freedom of choice of persons with disabilities through collaboration, education, advocacy, as well as legal and legislative strategies.

Strategic Goals and Action Steps

- I. **SECURE ADEQUATE SYSTEMS, SERVICES & SUPPORTS FOR FLORIDIANS WITH DISABILITIES**
 - A. Identify unmet needs
 - B. Identify and provide services most likely to be effective to reduce unmet needs
 - C. Publicize the extent of unmet needs in Florida
- II. **STRENGTHEN PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS OF, AND SECURE NEEDED REMEDIES FOR, FLORIDIANS WITH DISABILITIES**
 - A. Identify and provide services most likely to be effective to protect rights and secure remedies needed by individuals with disabilities
 - B. Increase education, self-advocacy support, and other services to facilitate self-empowerment of Floridians with disabilities
- III. **STRENGTHEN EXISTING, AND SECURE ADDITIONAL, CAPACITY OF THE ADVOCACY CENTER TO SUCCESSFULLY SERVE FLORIDIANS WITH DISABILITIES**
 - A. Increase and diversify funding and other support
 - B. Strengthen internal and external communications
 - C. Maintain/strengthen internal systems (including systems for program/project evaluation and management, management information, human resources, and quality assurance) needed for effective, efficient, and successful services and operations
 - D. Strengthen Advocacy Center leadership/management team
- IV. **STRENGTHEN STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION TO GET NEEDED RESULTS FOR FLORIDIANS WITH DISABILITIES**
 - A. Increase/strengthen work with State and federal officials and agencies
 - B. Increase/strengthen work with legal community
 - C. Increase/strengthen work with disability community
 - D. Increase/strengthen work with media, public at large, business community, educational institutions, and other stakeholder groups