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## **2006 – 2011 5-YEAR PLAN**

### **EMPLOYMENT**

**Goal:**

People with developmental disabilities have real jobs with real wages without segregation that include health insurance.

**Objectives:**

1. Enhance community connections—provide outreach and education to employers to stimulate employment to people with developmental disabilities and training for co-workers for support.
2. Conduct a public awareness campaign that educates people with developmental disabilities on current employment resources and in place supports  
(E-Pass; PASS Plan, etc.)
3. Research and educate the public on best practices, plans, models that stimulate all types of employment for people with developmental disabilities (self employment and other options).

### **HOUSING**

**Goal:**

People with developmental disabilities live where and with whom they choose; including home ownership.

**Objectives:**

1. Study the funding streams that support all residential options and how these influence choices for people with developmental disabilities and their families.
2. Research, support and educate people with developmental disabilities and their families to enable them to live in the place of their choice. How can they “age in place.”
3. Collaborate with other agencies and organizations to increase availability of access to affordable housing.

## **QUALITY ASSURANCE**

**Goal:**

Utah Developmental Disability Council supports a self-advocacy organization and leadership activities that will allow people with disabilities to move forward to the next step.

**Objectives:**

1. Develop a “Think Tank” – to focus on direction and training needs.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**Goal:**

Transportation that enables people with developmental disabilities to access and take advantage of social and economic opportunities.

**Objectives:**

1. Research and implement models in collaboration with other organizations. Host a summit of supporting organizations to share information on available services.
2. Collaborate to utilize existing services and resources through “United We Ride” and other programs that receive Federal dollars, and look at local resources.
3. Work on improving Utah Transit Authority (UTA) customer service relationship with the community of people with developmental disabilities.
  - a. Meet with John English, UTA General Manager.
  - b. Encourage Utah Developmental Disability Council members to join the UTA Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT).
4. Assist one rural community’s transportation problem with a focus on a community similar to Price or Roosevelt.

# **FORMAL AND INFORMAL COMMUNITY SUPPORTS**

## **Goal:**

People with developmental disabilities have a right to formal and informal community supports that allow them to be active, productive, respected and contributing members of society.

## **Objectives:**

1. Create a “central hub” of services and information that are available for people with developmental disabilities, (i.e. ARC, etc.).
2. Identify the gaps between existing services and the needs of people with developmental disabilities.
3. Develop one-page position papers for the legislature that outline how Utah can develop the services that promote independence.