



Ohio HCBS Coalition: Shared Goals And Objectives

Mission

The Ohio HCBS Coalition advocates for a strong home and community-based supports system that provides all Ohioans the opportunity to thrive and stay connected and engaged in our homes and communities.

Goals

- Maintain and expand home and community-based services and supports in the next biennium budget across all populations and systems
- Leverage current state and federal funding to ensure access to quality providers in the home and community and prevent a reduction in services
- Expand transitions out of long-term care facilities and into the community through programs like HOME Choice
- Identify those most at-risk of institutionalization and provide care coordination to prevent placement in a long-term care facility by increasing support to transition coordinators
- Increase reimbursement rates for providers across all systems ensuring individuals are able to receive care in their homes and community
- Ensure providers, specifically home health and personal care aides, to PPE without putting a financial burden on those providers
- Ensure additional funding to providers to offset additional costs incurred during this pandemic
- Increase access to providers in the community ensuring the expansion of system capacity
- Ensure individuals have access to safe, affordable, and accessible housing including home modification

Objectives

- Advocate for these goals through the administrative and budget drafting process
- If the coalition is unable to get our asks in the “As Introduced” budget, we will work with members of the General Assembly to draft amendments throughout the legislative process
- Build a coalition of HCBS partner organizations and individuals ensuring a wide reach in our advocacy efforts
- Establish a central hub of information and materials to be accessed by members of the coalition and other advocates (i.e. website)
- Create materials (i.e. white papers, talking points, letters, draft social media posts, etc.) for coalition members to use when we are making a push for our issues
- Maintain communications with the coalition to ensure all individuals and organizations have all the information they need to advocate on our issues
- Meet monthly as a coalition to discuss strategy on the most effective way to advocate for our issues
- Establish a date and time for a press release introducing the coalition to the administration, GA, and public

