

2022-2023 Priority Issues

1. Employment

- Increased employment resources for people to get the help they need to find good paying jobs... with opportunities for pay raises and career advancement
- Information, customized support and resources for people with disabilities who may want to start their own business (Self-Employment)
- More “Peer Support” types of services (“Job Club”, informational meetings, training, and personal stories on the positive outcomes of employment on a person’s quality of life)
- Information and training on financial education, ABLE Accounts, budgeting and saving money
- More employers need to be educated to understand the abilities and benefits of hiring people with disabilities

Job = \$



2. Public Education

- Acceptance, integration, and real participation of people with disabilities, just like anyone else, in local communities
- More social media and public awareness about personal human interest, success stories about abilities and contributions of people with disabilities as “People-First”
- More information to people with disabilities and families about the choice of “Self-Directed Services” and more flexibility for allowable services/supports
- Visibility of the Coalition’s “Speakers Bureau” and scheduled presentations to different audiences on various topics



3. Accessibility

- Identify accessible recreational locations and social opportunities for people with disabilities
- Provide access to information on resources and technology for people with disabilities



available

The MISSION of the RI Cross Disability Coalition is to bring together people with various types of disabilities from different organizations and groups in RI to:

- Meet one another, Learn from one another, Share information,
- Talk about opportunities for partnerships and connections within local communities, Build leadership capacity to increase and strengthen the voices of individuals with disabilities, and
- Talk about ways we can work together and unite as one on issues that WE think are important in our lives or will benefit people with disabilities living in RI.

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“The Coalition is for people with various disabilities to connect and talk about what is important in our lives and what we can do together to improve quality for all people! It is also an opportunity to become familiar with community opportunities and services available in RI and learn what these experiences and agencies can do to support and meet the needs of individuals to live a good quality life.”