

**PREVENTION OF DISABILITIES POLICY COUNCIL
TRANSITIONING PRIORITIES**

PRIORITY 1: Prevent Injuries that Lead to Disability

Injury remains the leading cause of disability for those individuals between the ages of 4 and 44 years. It is also an important cause of disability among seniors and is a significant cause of secondary disability among individuals that already have a disability.

1. Identify and promote the adoption of policies that will prevent injuries that lead to disability
2. Establish a state injury program
3. Promote the integration and expansion of falls prevention activities to address the needs of lowans with disabilities of all ages
4. Gather data, identify, plan, implement and evaluate activities to prevent injuries among lowans with disabilities of all ages

PRIORITY 2: Optimize Child Health and Development

Disabilities that occur during pregnancy or childhood are the leading cause of lifelong disability.

1. Monitor the transformation of the Iowa Medicaid program and provide recommendations to policy makers about maintaining the integrity of the EPSDT program and the continuation and/or expansion of current quality improvement initiatives.
2. Advocate for continued implementation of the recommendations from the Iowa ABCD II initiative to address child developmental and mental health needs.

PRIORITY 3: Improve Health and Prevent Secondary Conditions in People with Disabilities

Attaining and maintaining good health is critical for people with disabilities to secure the freedom to learn, work, and engage in their families and communities. Children and adults face numerous barriers in accessing health care services. They are also at risk of developing secondary health conditions that can add to their level of disability and increase their level of dependence on specialized services supports.

1. Monitor and provide recommendations to policy makers regarding access to quality health care for people with disabilities to include:
 - a. Implementation of Iowa Medicaid transformation in Iowa
 - b. Implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Iowa

- c. Planning and implementation of SIMS and other related health improvement initiatives in Iowa
- 2. Foster implementation of the Task Force on Improving Receipt of Preventive Health Care for Iowans with Disabilities Report (Report due by 6/30/16)
- 3. Monitor implementation of the State Plan to Improve the Health of Iowans with Disabilities: 2012 – 2017 and lead the development of a new state plan for 2018 – 2023
- 4. Serve as the Advisory Committee to Iowa's Disability and Health Program located with the Iowa Department of Public Health
- 5. Provide recommendations to the Iowa Department of Public Health concerning the need to address the disability issue in Health Iowans: Iowa Health Improvement Plan 2017 – 2021; monitor and promote implementation of the plan for people with disabilities

PRIORITY 4: Promote Implementation of the Recommendations from the Council's 2015 Policy Summit on Disability Policy