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Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Program

Proposed Priorities for FY24

ADAP's PAIMI program serves adults with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED) through activities to ensure the enforcement of the Constitution, and Federal and State statutes.

Under its PAIMI program, ADAP provides legally based advocacy services and investigates abuse, neglect, and rights violations.

ADAP's PAIMI program priorities are established annually by ADAP, its Governing Authority, and its PAIMI Advisory Council.

ADAP's proposed PAIMI priorities for the 2023-2024 program year are:

- **Protection from Abuse and Neglect:** Individuals with SMI and SED will be free from abuse and neglect and live in healthier, safer, or otherwise improved facility or community settings.
- **Community Access:** Individuals with SMI and SED will have access to appropriate and individualized community-based services that will enhance their ability to live independently.
- **Employment:** Individuals with SMI and SED will have meaningful access to integrated employment and be paid at least minimum wage.
- **Self-Determination:** With needed supports, individuals with SMI and SED will be able to make everyday decisions about their lives, including matters related to where they live, how their money is managed, and their healthcare.
- **Education:** Youth with SED will be provided a free appropriate public education in their least restrictive environment to move them toward independent living and, depending on their individual goals, secondary schooling or employment upon graduation.