
PAIMI Program Priorities

FY24



ADAP's PAIMI grant program (Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness) protects and advocates for the rights of Alabamians with Serious Mental Illness (adults) and Serious Emotional Disturbances (children) through activities to ensure the enforcement of the Constitution, and federal and state statutes. Annually, ADAP solicits input from persons with SMI/SED, their families, and other members of the disability community to identify priority issue areas on which we should focus. These priority issues frame the advocacy services that we undertake and to which we allocate ADAP's PAIMI resources. ADAP's PAIMI Advisory Council (PAC), required under the PAIMI Act of 1986, works jointly with ADAP's Governing Authority in the development of the agency's PAIMI program priorities. Our identified priorities for FY24 are:

PRIORITY: SAFETY FROM ABUSE & NEGLECT

Individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) or Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED) will be free from abuse and neglect and live in healthier, safer, or otherwise improved facility or community settings.

PRIORITY: COMMUNITY ACCESS

Individuals with SMI or SED will have access to appropriate and individualized community-based services that will enhance their ability to live independently.

PRIORITY: EMPLOYMENT

Individuals with SMI or SED will have meaningful access to integrated employment and be paid at least minimum wage.

PRIORITY: ALTERNATIVE DECISION-MAKING

With needed supports, individuals with SMI or 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.

PRIORITY: 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.