

UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY

AFFILIATION CHARTER AGREEMENT

THIS AFFILIATION AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), is effective this ____ day of _____, _____, by and between United Cerebral Palsy, Inc. ("UCP") a District of Columbia, United States of America, nonprofit corporation with its principal place of business at 1825 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20006, and _____, a nonprofit corporation with its principal place of business at _____ ("AFFILIATE").

WHEREAS, United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc was formed on August 12, 1948 in New York as The National Foundation for Cerebral Palsy and changed its name to United Cerebral Palsy Associations on August 12, 1949; and

WHEREAS, United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc. merged into and became United Cerebral Palsy, Inc. on April 3, 2008, and

WHEREAS the mission of UCP is to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities through an affiliate network ("Mission"); and

WHEREAS, UCP is the sole owner of the rights to the names "UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY," "UCP" and other registered names, seals and marks in relation thereto; and

WHEREAS AFFILIATE desires to participate in a worldwide network of nonprofit corporations providing programs and services for persons with disabilities and their families under the name of United Cerebral Palsy, and

WHEREAS UCP and AFFILIATE desire to facilitate the delivery of meaningful UCP programs and services for children, adults, and seniors to the people who need them in every affiliated territory, and

WHEREAS UCP and AFFILIATE desire to strengthen the UCP network and brand by encouraging growth within current affiliates and securing new affiliates, and

WHEREAS UCP and AFFILIATE desire to position UCP and its affiliates for growth, strength, and relevance in the future, and

WHEREAS AFFILIATE is currently a qualified 501(c)(3) corporation under the existing Internal Revenue Service regulations, and conducts programs and provides services for persons with disabilities and their families under the name of United Cerebral Palsy.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises set forth above and the promises set forth below, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

I. Grant of Charter to AFFILIATE.

- A. Charter. UCP hereby grants to AFFILIATE a charter to be an affiliate of UCP. During the term of this Agreement, AFFILIATE is authorized to use the name “United Cerebral Palsy,” the acronym “UCP,” and the logo of UCP in or in connection with AFFILIATE’s name, acronym and logo, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any written guidelines attached to or incorporated in this agreement, or subsequently provided to AFFILIATE by UCP.
- B. Term and Termination. The Term of this Agreement shall commence on the effective date set forth above and shall continue until revoked by UCP or surrendered by AFFILIATE, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or the policies of UCP, as may be amended from time to time by UCP, for revocation and surrender.
- C. Territory. AFFILIATE shall represent UCP as UCP’s affiliate in the geographic territory set forth in APPENDIX A hereto (“Territory”), pursuant to and in accordance with UCP’s Mission as set forth above and in UCP’s Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or as otherwise established in policy by UCP’s Board of Trustees. UCP may, pursuant to its policies and procedures, designate other affiliates, sponsor or conduct programs, and perform other activities within the Territory.
- D. Authorized Activities. UCP specifically authorizes AFFILIATE to conduct such activities as are consistent with the mission and purposes of UCP and the Statement of Organizational Principles attached as APPENDIX B, which may be amended by UCP and its affiliates from time to time.

II. Membership.

As an affiliate of UCP, and subject to AFFILIATE’s satisfactory compliance with all of the obligations in this Agreement as UCP may determine at its sole discretion, AFFILIATE shall be entitled to voting rights as a member of the organization.

III. Obligations of UCP.

UCP's obligations under this Agreement shall include:

- A. Mission. UCP shall carry out the Mission as may, from time to time, be adopted or amended by the membership at its Annual Meeting or by its Board of Trustees and shall strive to adhere to the Statement of Organizational Principles attached as APPENDIX B, which may be amended from time to time.
- B. Affiliate Support. UCP shall (i) provide general technical assistance and consultation services to AFFILIATE in organization, administration, and program services, legislative/governmental activities, financial management, marketing, and fundraising, (ii) upon request, assist AFFILIATE in reviewing, planning, and maintaining organizational and program standards, (iii) assist AFFILIATE with general strategies to identify volunteer sources and encourage volunteer participation; (iv) coordinate the national network of affiliates to provide technical assistance and resources among the affiliate network, (v) make available to AFFILIATE an approved affiliate logo, a template website, videos, public service announcements and other electronic, written, print, and audio-visual materials for AFFILIATE's use in the Territory.
- C. Marketing and Communication. UCP shall (i) promote and market the Marks (as defined below) through such means as a website, electronic newsletters, mailings, earned media, advertising and other electronic, written, print and audio-visual materials and (ii) produce and make available to AFFILIATE public education and regular information about the organization and its affiliates, and (iii) include AFFILIATE in its general mailings and/or electronic communications.
- D. Public Policy and Advocacy. UCP shall provide leadership and be a voice for affiliates and persons with disabilities and their families at the national level through advocacy, legislative programs, program development, fundraising campaigns, research and other avenues as may be agreed upon. UCP shall work to ensure that its public policy and advocacy are consistent with the Statement of Organizational Principles and are developed and implemented collaboratively with the affiliates.
- E. Research. UCP shall support research into the causes and treatments of developmental disabilities and therapies and supports

for people with disabilities, including but not limited to those with cerebral palsy.

- F. Annual Meeting. UCP shall conduct an annual meeting which will include meetings of the membership of UCP and the Board of Trustees and programs on matters of interest to the affiliates.
- G. Intellectual Property. UCP shall take all reasonable actions necessary to support and protect the use of the Intellectual Property (as defined below) of UCP.
- H. Leadership Training. UCP shall provide a program of continuing education for staff and volunteers of AFFILIATE related to organizational, professional, advocacy, and community development.
- I. Fundraising. UCP shall develop and support national fundraising programs and opportunities to provide financial support to the affiliates.
- J. Compliance with Laws. UCP warrants that (i) it is and shall remain in full compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and other legal standards that may affect its performance under this Agreement, (ii) it shall maintain at all times all permits, licenses and other governmental approvals that may be required in connection with its performance under this Agreement, and (iii) it shall make all required filings, such as annual corporate reports and tax filings, and shall forward a copy of such reports and filings to AFFILIATE upon request of AFFILIATE.

IV. Obligations of AFFILIATE.

AFFILIATE's obligations under this Agreement shall include:

- A. Corporate and Tax Status. AFFILIATE warrants that it is: (A) incorporated as a nonprofit corporation in good standing in the jurisdiction of its incorporation; (B) legally separate and distinct from UCP; and (C) that, if a United States based AFFILIATE, it is and at all times shall remain exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or such other successor provision.
- B. Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Other Requirements. As a condition of receipt of its charter as an affiliate of UCP, AFFILIATE heretofore provided to UCP the articles of incorporation and bylaws of AFFILIATE. These AFFILIATE

articles of incorporation and bylaws are, and shall remain, not inconsistent with this Agreement, and the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of UCP. AFFILIATE shall have as its purposes those set forth in the Bylaws, shall conduct its activities at all times in strict accordance with its Bylaws, and shall comply at all times with all of the requirements set forth in UCP's Bylaws and all other affiliate-related policies, procedures, handbooks, manuals, or other written guidance promulgated by UCP (all of which are incorporated herein by reference). Upon request, AFFILIATE shall provide a copy of its Bylaws to UCP. AFFILIATE shall also adopt and adhere to the following minimum policies of good governance for nonprofit corporations:

1. A code of ethics for board members and staff which includes provisions for ethical management and fundraising practices;
 2. A conflict of interest policy for board members and staff; and
 3. A whistleblower policy.
- C. Compliance with Laws. AFFILIATE warrants that (i) it is and shall remain in full compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and other legal standards that may affect its performance under this Agreement including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, (ii) it shall maintain at all times all permits, licenses and other governmental approvals that may be required in the Territory in connection with its performance under this Agreement, and (iii) it shall make all required filings, such as annual corporate reports and tax filings, and shall forward a copy of such reports and filings to UCP upon request of UCP.
- D. Recordkeeping, Reporting and Inspection. AFFILIATE shall maintain all records related to its corporate and tax-exempt status and shall forward to UCP a copy of its Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and tax exemption determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service, as well as any adverse notices, including adverse correspondence of a civil or criminal nature that may significantly impact the integrity of the AFFILIATE or the goodwill associated with the trademarks of UCP, received from the Internal Revenue Service, state Secretary of State, state Attorney General, or corresponding agency. AFFILIATE shall maintain reasonable records related to all of its programs, activities and operations, including without limitation minutes of the meetings of its members (if any) and board of directors. Upon the written request

of UCP and at UCP's expense, AFFILIATE shall permit UCP or UCP's designated agent to review appropriate records of AFFILIATE pertaining to its programs, activities and operations. AFFILIATE shall provide written notice to UCP of any proposed merger, reorganization, voluntarily or involuntarily dissolution or bankruptcy or other change of control of AFFILIATE or intent to acquire or take control of another corporate entity and submit documentation as requested by UCP for its prior approval.

- E. Surveys and Requests for Information. AFFILIATE shall respond to and complete in a timely manner an annual survey of affiliates, summarizing its programs, activities and operations, budget, financial statements, a list of outgoing and elected officers and directors, with direct contact information. AFFILIATE shall also endeavor to respond in a timely manner to such other surveys and requests for information as UCP may reasonably direct to AFFILIATE from time to time.
- F. Programs and Activities. AFFILIATE shall (i) endeavor to sponsor and conduct programs and activities that further the purposes and objectives of UCP, and shall use its best efforts to ensure that such programs and activities are of the highest quality with respect to services, products, content, materials, logistical preparation, and otherwise, (ii) strive to adhere to the Statement of Organizational Principles attached as APPENDIX B, (iii) and endeavor to use, to the extent possible, materials available through UCP and other AFFILIATES in support of such programs and activities.
- G. Marketing. Pursuant to the limited license granted to AFFILIATE by this Agreement, AFFILIATE shall utilize either the names "United Cerebral Palsy" or "UCP" in connection with all verbal, written, printed or electronic identification of AFFILIATE. If AFFILIATE provides services through a separate entity or operating programs under a name other than United Cerebral Palsy, then AFFILIATE shall publicly identify that entity's or program's association with United Cerebral Palsy or UCP. The name United Cerebral Palsy, UCP logo and approved affiliate logo will be used pursuant to approved policies and procedures provided to AFFILIATE by UCP. AFFILIATE shall utilize either the template website provided by UCP to AFFILIATE or such other website, the style and format of which is consistent with standards promulgated or approved by UCP.
- H. Public Policy Obligations. AFFILIATE shall conduct public policy and systems advocacy efforts within the Territory consistent with the purposes and objectives of UCP. In performing this

function, AFFILIATE shall work with UCP in order to ensure national consistency in these efforts when applicable.

- I. Dues. AFFILIATE shall pay an affiliation membership fee (“Dues”) to UCP, based on the formulas and policies adopted by UCP from time to time at its annual meetings.
- J. Information and Referral. AFFILIATE shall conduct information and referral efforts within the Territory consistent with the purposes and objectives of UCP. In performing this function, AFFILIATE shall work with UCP in order to ensure national consistency in these efforts.

V. Intellectual Property and Confidential Information.

A. Limited License. In accordance with UCP’s non-exclusive grant to AFFILIATE to be an affiliate of UCP in the Territory, AFFILIATE is hereby granted a limited, revocable, non-exclusive, non-divisible, non-transferable, non-assignable license to use, during the Term of this Agreement in connection with AFFILIATE’s name, acronym and logo and for other official affiliate-related purposes, subject to such restrictions as UCP shall at its sole discretion require, the following Intellectual Property:

- (i) the name “United Cerebral Palsy,” the name “UCP,” the logo of UCP, and other UCP trademarks, service marks, trade names, and logos (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Marks”),
- (ii) UCP’s mailing, telephone, and electronic mail lists with respect to past, current or prospective donors of UCP located within the Territory (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Lists”), and
- (iii) all copyrighted or proprietary information and materials provided by UCP to AFFILIATE during the term of this Agreement (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Proprietary Information”)(the Marks, Lists, and Proprietary Information are hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Intellectual Property”).

The authority to use the Intellectual Property is limited to those activities authorized under this Agreement, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any written policies attached hereto, otherwise incorporated herein, or subsequently provided to AFFILIATE by UCP, including UCP’s Trademark Policy.

1. The Intellectual Property is and shall remain at all times the sole and exclusive property of UCP. The Intellectual Property may be used by AFFILIATE if and only if such use is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of this limited and revocable license. Any failure by AFFILIATE to comply with the terms and conditions contained herein, whether willful or negligent, may result in the immediate suspension or revocation of this license, in whole or in part, by UCP. Failure to comply, whether willful or negligent, also may result in the suspension or revocation of the charter of AFFILIATE by UCP. The interpretation and enforcement (or lack thereof) of these terms and conditions, and compliance therewith, shall be made by UCP in its sole discretion.
2. UCP's logo may not be revised or altered in any way, and must be displayed in the same form as produced by UCP. The Intellectual Property may not be used in conjunction with any other trademark, service mark, or other mark without the express prior written approval of UCP.
3. The Intellectual Property must be used by AFFILIATE in a professional manner and solely for official AFFILIATE-related purposes. AFFILIATE shall not permit any third party to use the Intellectual Property without UCP's express prior written approval. AFFILIATE shall not sell or trade the Intellectual Property without UCP's express prior written approval. The Intellectual Property may not be used for individual personal or professional gain or other private benefit. The Intellectual Property may not be used in any manner that, in the sole discretion of UCP, discredits UCP or tarnishes its reputation and goodwill; is false or misleading; violates the rights of others; violates any law, regulation or other public policy; or mischaracterizes the relationship between UCP and AFFILIATE, including but not limited to the fact that AFFILIATE is a separate and distinct legal entity from UCP.
4. AFFILIATE shall maintain the confidentiality of the Mailing List and shall not sell, trade, transmit, or otherwise disseminate the Mailing List, in whole or in part, to any third party without the express prior written approval of UCP.
5. In any authorized use by AFFILIATE of the Intellectual Property, AFFILIATE shall ensure that the applicable

trademark and copyright notices are used pursuant to the requirements of United States law or state law and any other guidelines that UCP may prescribe.

6. UCP shall have the right, from time to time, to request samples of use of the Intellectual Property from which it may determine compliance with these terms and conditions. UCP reserves the right to prohibit use of any of the Intellectual Property, as well as to impose other sanctions, if it determines, in its sole discretion, that AFFILIATE's usage thereof is not in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of this limited and revocable license.
 7. Use of the Intellectual Property shall create no rights for AFFILIATE in or to the Intellectual Property or its use beyond the terms and conditions of this limited and revocable license. All rights of usage of the Intellectual Property by AFFILIATE shall terminate immediately upon the revocation, surrender or other termination of this Agreement. AFFILIATE's obligations to protect the Intellectual Property shall survive the revocation, surrender or other termination of this Agreement.
- B. Confidential Information. The parties shall maintain the confidentiality of all of the confidential and proprietary information and data ("Confidential Information") of the other party. The parties also shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that no use, by themselves or by any third parties, shall be made of the other party's Confidential Information without such other party's consent. Each party's confidential Information shall remain the property of that party and shall be considered to be furnished in confidence to the other party when necessary under the terms of this Agreement. Upon revocation, surrender or other termination of this Agreement, each party shall: (i) deliver immediately to the other party all Confidential Information of the other party, including but not limited to all written and electronic documentation of all Confidential Information, and all copies thereof; (ii) make no further use of it; and (iii) make reasonable efforts to ensure that no further use of it is made by either that party or its officers, directors, employees, agents, contractors, or any other person or third party. Each party's confidentiality obligations under this Section shall survive any revocation, surrender or other termination of the Agreement.

VI. Relationship of Parties.

The relationship of UCP and AFFILIATE to each other is that of independent contractors. Nothing herein shall create any association, joint venture, partnership, or agency relationship of any kind between the parties. Unless expressly agreed to in writing by the parties, neither party is authorized to incur any liability, obligation or expense on behalf of the other, to use the other's monetary credit in conducting any activities under this Agreement, or to represent to any third party that AFFILIATE is an agent of UCP.

VII. Indemnification.

Both parties shall indemnify, save and hold harmless the other party, its subsidiaries, related entities, partners, agents, officers, directors, trustees, members, attorneys, employees, contractors, heirs, successors, and assigns, and each of them, from and against any and all claims, actions, suits, demands, losses, damages, judgments, settlements, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses), and liabilities of every kind and character whatsoever (a "Claim"), which may arise out of (i) any act or omission by the indemnifying party or any of its subsidiaries, related entities, partners, officers, directors, employees, members or agents, and (ii) the inaccuracy or breach of any of the covenants, representations and warranties made by the indemnifying party in this Agreement. The provisions of this Section shall survive any revocation, surrender or other termination of this Agreement.

VIII. Revocation or Surrender of Charter.

A. Revocation of Charter. The charter granted by UCP to AFFILIATE hereunder shall remain in full force and effect unless and until revoked by UCP or surrendered by AFFILIATE in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. UCP, through its Board of Trustees, shall have the authority to revoke the charter of AFFILIATE if the Board of Trustees determines at its sole discretion that the conduct of AFFILIATE is in breach of any provision of this Agreement. Any proposed decision by UCP to revoke AFFILIATE's charter shall be initiated by sending written notice to AFFILIATE specifying the grounds upon which the proposed revocation is based at least thirty (30) days prior to action by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall provide AFFILIATE with an opportunity to be heard at such meeting of the Board of Trustees. Upon decision by the Board of Trustees, UCP shall provide written notice to AFFILIATE and the decision of the Board of Trustees shall become final upon AFFILIATE's receipt of such written notice from UCP.

- B. Surrender of Charter. AFFILIATE may surrender its charter by delivering to UCP written notice of its intention to do so no less than thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such surrender.
- C. Effects of Revocation or Surrender. Upon revocation or surrender of its Charter, AFFILIATE shall properly account for any amounts due and owing to UCP, including but not limited to Dues, as of the date of revocation or surrender and shall arrange for payment to UCP of such amounts in a timely manner. Also upon revocation or surrender of its Charter, AFFILIATE's limited license to use the Intellectual Property shall terminate and AFFILIATE shall cease using the Intellectual Property.

IX. Miscellaneous.

- A. Entire Agreement. This Agreement: (i) constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof; (ii) supersedes and replaces all prior agreements, oral and written, between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof; and (iii) may be amended only by a written instrument clearly setting forth the amendment(s) and executed by both parties.
- B. Warranties. Each party covenants, warrants, and represents that it has the authority to enter into this Agreement, that it shall comply with all laws, regulations and other legal standards applicable to this Agreement, and that it shall exercise due care and act in good faith at all times in performance of its obligations under this Agreement. The provisions of this Section shall survive any revocation, surrender or other termination of this Agreement.
- C. Waiver. Either party's waiver of, or failure to exercise, any right provided for in this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any further or future right under this Agreement.
- D. Governing Law. All questions with respect to the construction of this Agreement or the rights and liabilities of the parties hereunder shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the District of Columbia, United States of America. Any legal action taken or to be taken by either party regarding this Agreement or the rights and liabilities of parties hereunder shall be brought only before a federal or local court of competent jurisdiction located within the District of Columbia. Each party hereby consents to the jurisdiction of the federal and local courts located within the District of Columbia.

- E. Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned, or the rights granted hereunder transferred or sub-licensed, by either party without the express prior written consent of the other party.
- F. Heirs, Successors, and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of each party, its subsidiaries, related entities, partners, agents, officers, directors, trustees, employees, heirs, successors, and assigns, without regard to whether it is expressly acknowledged in any instrument of succession or assignment.
- G. Severability. All provisions of this Agreement are severable. If any provision or portion thereof is found to be unenforceable in arbitration or by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the remaining portion of the Agreement shall remain in full effect.
- H. Force Majeure. Neither party shall be liable for failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement due to events beyond its reasonable control, including, but not limited to, strikes, riots, wars, fire, acts of God, and acts in compliance with any applicable law, regulation or order (whether valid or invalid) of any governmental body.
- I. Notice. All notices and demands of any kind or nature that either party may be required or may desire to serve upon the other in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing and may be served personally, by facsimile, by electronic mail, by certified mail, or by overnight courier, with constructive receipt deemed to have occurred on the date of the mailing, sending or faxing of such notice, to the following addresses or telecopier numbers:

If to UCP:

United Cerebral Palsy
 1825 K Street NW, Suite 600
 Washington, DC 20006
Attn.: President/CEO
 FAX (202) 776-0414

If to AFFILIATE:

Attn.: _____,
 FAX () _____ - _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Affiliation Charter Agreement on the date first above written, by a duly authorized and designated representative.

Name of Affiliate

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

United Cerebral Palsy

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

APPENDIX A

1. Territory:

[Listing of counties and zip codes.]

2. Services Provided:

No limitation.

[Limitations would be necessary if the affiliate is limited to a specific range of services or target population, or is an advocacy-only affiliate.]

APPENDIX B

Statement of Organizational Principles

The mission of United Cerebral Palsy is to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities through an affiliate network.

ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS with disabilities and other similar service needs have fundamental rights to an appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment that prepares them to function as independently as possible in society, and to equal opportunities to choose and to participate in lifestyles that enable them to live in and contribute to their own communities.

WE COMMIT to this mission and these principles that will guide UCP, and its affiliates, to translate these principles into action that can significantly improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and other similar service needs and their families.

We commit, as an organization and as individual affiliates within the UCP affiliate network, to support each other as we serve people with disabilities and other similar service needs.

WE WILL:

1. Be guided by the philosophy that persons with disabilities and other similar service needs have the right, the desire and the ability to shape their own destinies and therefore have the right and responsibility to be active decision-makers in the policy making, planning, service development and service evaluation of UCP affiliates and other organizations that directly affect their lives.
2. On an individual, group, and organizational basis, we will actively work to promote the attitude of acceptance and inclusion of individuals with disabilities and other similar service needs in all aspects of life to facilitate their full inclusion.
3. Work towards the delivery of programs and services that provide a full array of living options that enable individuals with a disability or other special need to live in their community as independently as possible.
4. Support the belief that each person with a disability and other similar service needs is entitled to the opportunity to live and grow within their family and that our advocacy and service efforts will be truly family-centered rather than focused exclusively on the individual.
5. Work to create meaningful employment opportunities for persons with disabilities and other similar service needs. We pledge our individual and collective efforts to dramatically reduce the poverty and unemployment affecting persons with disabilities

and other similar service needs by creating diverse employment options and the necessary complementary support services.

6. Continue to focus our energies and resources toward efforts to assure that every child and adult with a disability and other special need has the opportunity to live in a family or in a living arrangement of his or her choice. We will strive to include all supporting services including, but not limited to, therapies, transportation, respite, and after school care for people with disabilities and other similar service needs.

7. Advocate for the development of family support options that provide families with choices for obtaining the resources and supports that will enable them to maintain a functioning family system that can nurture and provide for the needs of all family members, including the family member with a disability or other special need.

8. Commit to strengthening our service efforts by establishing person-centered goals and accepting evidence-based measures as true evaluation criteria of the effectiveness of our efforts.

9. Work with public officials to implement and enforce the Americans with Disabilities Act and all other civil rights laws and relevant federal, state and local policies to assure the protection of individual rights and comprehensive opportunities for early intervention, education, employment and integrated community living for all people with disabilities.

10. Effectively influence the passage of laws and the allocation of public and private resources at the local, state and national levels to enable persons with disabilities and other similar service needs to achieve their potential and become more productive and independent participants in their communities.

11. Work vigilantly to develop and obtain assistive technology resources vital to the independence, education, employment and full community participation of persons with disabilities and other similar service needs.

12. Urge educational systems to continue to expand educational opportunities at all levels for children, youth and adults with disabilities and other similar service needs in integrated and inclusive settings, and ensure that assistive technologies and other related services are provided to support each student's learning needs.

13. Promote positive portrayals of people with disabilities in the media that improve public understanding and attitudes about the individuality, strengths, and capacity of persons with disabilities and other similar service needs and each person's ability to contribute to his or her community.

14. Advance personal health, access to healthcare, home and public safety, and emergency preparedness so as to prevent or reduce the occurrence, frequency and impact of disabling injuries, accidents, illnesses, and abuse for the benefit of all people,

especially persons with disabilities and other similar service needs that are at an increased risk.

15. Support research into the causes, prevention, treatment and amelioration of the effects of disabilities.