

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- Consumer-controlled / driven
- Cross-disability
- Community-based
- Integration and full participation
- Not-for-Profit
- Unique and Responsive
- National participation

BUILDING CAPACITY OF INDIVIDUALS THROUGH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:

- Information & Networking
- Peer Support
- Adaptive technology
- Skills Development (e.g. computer skills)
- Individualized self-advocacy
- Volunteer recruitment programs
- Education sessions related to governmental policy and programs
- Employment/Pre-employment

INDICATORS

Could include:

- Number of individuals served
- Number of male/female
- Number of volunteers
- Number of members

BUILDING CAPACITY OF THE COMMUNITY THROUGH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:

- Education and information sharing
- Open forums and information events
- Disability Awareness Programs
- Accessibility audits
- Networking with disability organizations
- Liaison with government agencies and non-disability organization
- Research & demonstration projects for expressed unmet needs of persons with disabilities
- Project partnerships

INDICATORS

Could include:

- Unique and responsive services developed
- Community partnerships developed (incl. committee memberships)
- Number of disability awareness events

BUILDING CAPACITY OF THE IL MOVEMENT THROUGH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:

- Bylaws and administrative policies
- National Liaison
- Program Reviews
- Board recruitment
- Board governance
- Fund development
- Diversified funding
- Sharing HR tools
- Mentoring
- Sharing expertise outside of the network

INDICATORS

Could include:

- Number and type of funding sources
- Number of staff and staff with disabilities
- Demonstration of inclusive gov't policy
- De-institutionalization

Information & Networking

- Liaise with government & non-disability organizations
- Open forums & information events
- Volunteer recruitment programs
- Board recruitment

IL Skills Development

- Networking with disability organizations
- Education sessions related to governmental policy and programs
- Skills development of individuals in a variety of forms (workshops etc.)
- Accessibility audits

Research & Community Development

- Disability Awareness Programs
- Research & demonstration projects
- Program reviews for other organizations
- Board governance
- bylaws & admin policies

Peer Support

- Education & Information Sharing:
 - parenting
 - writing clubs
 - one-on-one support
 - peer support meetings

RESULTS IN:

Knowledge, options and informed choices
 Reduced dependence on institutions
 Living in the community, reducing isolation
 Positive models in the community
 Meeting unmet needs

RESULTS IN:

New skills to deal with difficult situations
 Responsibility and control
 Self-management
 Assertiveness and self-confidence
 Empowerment to participate in community life

RESULTS IN:

Accessible community programs and services
 Innovative approaches
 Stronger Sense of Citizenship
 Improved life situation