

## 2020 Public Policy Agenda Executive Summary

The 2020 legislative session provides many opportunities to advance initiatives that will lead to greater independence for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD).

**Below is an overview of the legislative priorities for The Arc of Indiana.**

*\* indicates 1102 Task Force Recommendation*

### Fiscal Related:

Seek legislation to create a registry of Indiana's Direct Support Professionals.

**\*-Sen. John Ruckelshaus**

### Non-Fiscal Related:

Support efforts to educate legislators about the need for a sustainable system that attracts and maintains the Direct Support Professional workforce.

Seek legislation to require health insurance providers to cover habilitative services documented within an Indiana First Steps Plan for infants in need of services. **-Rep. Ed Clere**

Seek legislation for a quicker turnaround time for denial of claims from health insurance providers and require FSSA to follow-up on denied claims.

Support legislation that requires licensure for applied behavior analysts. **-Sen. Ed Charbonneau**

Support transparency of health care costs. **-Sen. Ed Charbonneau and Rep. Todd Huston**

Seek legislation requesting the Department of Education to gather information on graduates who have left high school with a certificate of completion since 2000 and provide a report to the State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities and to the Interim Study Committee on Education.

Support legislation ensuring the assessment replacement for ISTEP (ILEARN) includes opportunities for students receiving special education services to have access to a test that allows them to demonstrate academic progress with the appropriate accommodations and resources, including comprehension, as determined by the case conference committee.

**-Sen. Erin Houchin**

Support workforce legislation that could lead to increased employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Support legislation collecting data on the fiscal impact a tax credit for ABLE account contributions to be presented to the Interim Study Committee on Fiscal Policy.