

**Disability Rights South Dakota  
Protection and Advocacy  
For Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Program**

**Proposed FY 2019 Goals and Objectives**

**Eligibility Criteria for the PAIMI Program:**

- 1) A person has a significant mental illness or emotional impairment; and,
- 2) The diagnosis was made by a mental health professional qualified under the laws of the state; and,
- 3) The person is in the process of being transported or admitted to a facility; currently is receiving services in a facility; involuntarily confined in a municipal detention facility for reasons other than serving a sentence for a criminal offense; or, lives in a community setting including one's own home; and,
- 4) The issue presented is abuse, neglect, or a rights violation related to the individual's mental illness.

**GOAL I: People with mental illness will be free from abuse and neglect.**

**OBJECTIVE 1.** Focus on issues involving failure to provide appropriate mental health treatment; involuntary, inappropriate or excessive medication; failure to provide appropriate discharge planning and release; inappropriate or excessive seclusion and restraint.

TARGET POPULATION: PAIMI eligible individuals receiving services from public or private facilities and programs, such as private and public general hospitals, including emergency rooms; public and private psychiatric wards; public and private residential facilities; group homes, jails and prisons, and in public schools. Service priority will be given to persons with significant mental illness or emotional impairment who are inpatients or residents of public or private facilities rendering care or treatment.

EXPECTED TARGET: 20 cases

**OBJECTIVE 2.** Monitor health, safety and rights compliance at facilities that serve individuals with mental illness.

TARGET POPULATION: PAIMI eligible persons residing in facilities.

EXPECTED TARGET: Four monitoring projects

**GOAL II: People with mental illness will fully exercise their individual and constitutional rights.**

**OBJECTIVE 1.** Focus on issues involving denial of rights protection information or legal assistance; denial of privacy rights (congregation, telephone calls, receiving mail); denial of the right to participate in the planning of mental health services; and, denial of the right to a treatment or service plan.

TARGET POPULATION: PAIMI eligible persons receiving services from public or private facilities and programs, such as private and public general hospitals, including emergency rooms; public and private psychiatric wards; public and private residential facilities; group homes, and jails and prisons.

EXPECTED TARGET: 20 cases

**OBJECTIVE 2.** Address issues involving students who have been disciplined because of behavior and removed from school settings.

TARGET POPULATION: PAIMI eligible individuals in primary or secondary education

EXPECTED TARGET: 10 cases

**OBJECTIVE 3.** Engage in public policy and systemic advocacy activities focusing on issues impacting individuals with mental illness.

TARGET POPULATION: PAIMI eligible individuals

EXPECTED TARGET: Serve on five boards, committees or workgroups

**OBJECTIVE 4.** Conduct outreach and public awareness activities about the PAIMI Program and its services, including general information on disability rights.

TARGET POPULATION: PAIMI eligible individuals, their family members, service providers, and the community at large.

EXPECTED TARGET: 30 outreach activities

**OBJECTIVE 5.** Conduct public education/constituency training activities on relevant topics to promote an increased understanding of the rights of individuals with mental illness.

TARGET POPULATION: PAIMI eligible individuals and family members.

EXPECTED TARGET: 12 training activities