



People with Disabilities (PWD)

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Vision

- A healthy community starts with prevention
- Very supportive, positive, respectful, strong communication
- No stigma so individuals can reach their full potential
- Physician's talk to each other (coordinated care)
- Service providers and outside community more aware of disabilities (PWD do not have to educate them)
- Treat individual health needs – not just trying to “cure” disability
- Serve whole person (physical, mental, financial, spiritual)
- Equal standards and expectations for treatment of PWDs

Issues

- PWD not seen as individuals by the general community
- Access to places using a wheelchair
- Assumption that everyone can read & use a phone
- Access to quality medical care (that takes Medi-Cal)
- Employment discrimination; lose public benefits when a PWD gets a job
- Affordable, accessible housing is limited
- Misperception that PWDs get a lot of services
- Cutbacks – often PWD are first to receive cuts
- PWD caregivers have low wages and no benefits

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Priorities

- Housing for people with disabilities
- PHD leadership to coordinate care and services for PWD (right to health care)
- Livable wage and benefits for care providers for PWD
- Better access to mental health services and physical health

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Strengths

- Transit Agencies (BART, AC Transit, Paratransit) - at a starting point to improve upon
- California Children's Services and CBOs try (but can't do enough)
- Affordable Housing (Section 8) is working (although it can be improved)
- SEIU securing a liveable wage for care providers