



# MICHIGAN PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SERVICE

# 2012 - 2014 Questionnaire on Priorities

Each year Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service (MPAS) seeks input regarding issues that affect the lives of people with disabilities in Michigan. This year we will also be reevaluating our priorities and adjusting them as necessary to achieve desired outcomes.

Thank you for your assistance in our efforts to design advocacy services that will enable people with disabilities to live independent, productive lives as fully included members of the community.

### I am a:

*(please check one)*

- Person with a disability
- Parent of someone with a disability
- Professional
- Nonprofit organization employee
- Elected official
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Disability:

*(please check all that apply)*

- Developmental disability
- Physical disability
- Deaf/hearing impaired
- Learning disability
- Mental illness
- Blind/visual impairment
- Brain injury
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- None

### County of Residence:

### Ethnicity/Race: (optional)

### Living Arrangements:

*(Check all that apply)*

- Own/rent home
- Apartment
- Group home
- State facility
- Long-term care facility
- Prison/jail
- Homeless
- Transitional housing
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Below is our current priority list. Please tell us which issues are most important to you by ranking them 1 to 5. If you feel an important issue is missing, please add it to the list.

*(1=most important, 5 = least important)*

### 2012-2014 Priorities

#### Eliminate Abuse/Neglect

- \_\_\_\_\_ Individuals will not be subjected to restraint and seclusion
- \_\_\_\_\_ Staff working with individuals with disabilities will have background checks
- \_\_\_\_\_ Individuals will not be subjected to abuse and/or neglect

#### Improve Rights Protection

- \_\_\_\_\_ Individuals will not be deprived of their rights as a result of guardianship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Individuals will have access to an independent and effective rights system

#### Eliminate Barriers and Protect Rights

- \_\_\_\_\_ Improve access and rights to services within vocational rehabilitation and centers for independent living
- \_\_\_\_\_ Individuals will assert their employment rights under the ADA and/or Section 504
- \_\_\_\_\_ Individuals will have access to Social Security work incentives
- \_\_\_\_\_ Representative payee issues

#### Improve Access to Necessary Services

- \_\_\_\_\_ Individuals will have access to services that support them in the community
- \_\_\_\_\_ Governmental entities and service providers will be accessible
- \_\_\_\_\_ Individuals will have access to services that support them in facility settings that promote discharge and community inclusion

#### Ensure Right to High Quality Education

- \_\_\_\_\_ Students will be identified and evaluated for special education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible students at risk of discipline due to a disability related behavior will remain in school
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transition needs from post education to community living

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