

CAPA PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENTS

PURPOSE STATEMENT FOR PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE:

The role of the Public Policy Committee is to formulate positions and draft policy statements that express CAPA's overarching principles and values and that lay the foundation for CAPA's decisions and activities.

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CAPA believes that government at every level is responsible for the welfare and well being of its people. This responsibility includes adequately developing and supporting efficient and effective programs and services so that the rights of people of any age who need assistance to live independently are fully implemented.

CAPA believes a self-directed mode of service has the greatest potential for consumers to choose where and how they live. There is a legal mandate for consumers to have a voice in IHSS policies and programs. Public authorities afford opportunities for full expression of that voice.

CAPA believes that the primary goal of the public authorities is to ensure quality services for IHSS consumers and that the unjustified segregation of people in institutions, when community placement is appropriate, constitutes a form of unlawful discrimination against people with disabilities.

CAPA believes that high quality services to IHSS consumers are maximized with a skilled and diverse workforce that is recognized in ways that honor their value.

*The Policy Statements are not in any order of priority.

*Approved by the CAPA Board of Directors
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