



## Friends of NCBDDD

In Support of the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities

### **CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) Focus on Public Health-Social Impact-Safety Net Need of the Populations Served**

The Friends advocacy coalition calls on Congressional appropriators and the Administration to continue to focus the Center's programs on outcomes that affect positive public health, positive social impact, and the safety net purpose. These include:

#### **Assuring Child Health**

- Decrease or eliminate birth defects and developmental disabilities occurring due to known causes.
- Improve longer term outcomes of children with birth defects, autism, and other developmental disabilities, and eliminate racial/ethnic disparities in these outcomes.
- Identify preventable risk factors of birth defects and developmental disabilities, and develop appropriate interventions to reduce these risks.
- Increase early identification and intervention for infants and young children with disabling conditions.
- Mediate the impact of poverty on developmental outcomes for young children.

#### **Improving the Health of People with Disabilities**

- Change individual health behaviors to improve health in children, youth, and adults with disabilities.
- Improve health care access and screening for children, youth, and adults with disabilities.
- Reduce the incidence of secondary conditions by increasing health promotion and wellness interventions for children and adults with disabilities.
- Improve public health surveillance systems to track the health, development, and participation of persons with disabilities across the life course.
- Implement fully the Section 4302 "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" intent, expectations, and requirements in "Understanding Health Disparities: Data Collection and Analysis" including "disability status" as well as Section 5307 "Cultural Competency, Prevention, and Public Health" including "individuals with

disabilities training.”

### **Public Health Approach to Blood Disorders**

- Improve the life expectancy of people with Sickle Cell Disease
- Reduce the morbidity and mortality related to bleeding disorders in women.
- Reduce the incidence of DVT/PE, and prevent related mortality and serious morbidity.
- Prevent emerging morbidities of people with bleeding disorders.

### **Positive Outcomes**

These outcomes should positively affect several social impact goals to improve the life situation of persons with disabilities and other challenges. These include:

- Seamless, positive, and helpful transitions from one of life’s stages to the next stage in life, such as the transition from high school to adulthood and work.
- Promotion and support of independent living in the community – a community participation that encourages and promotes self-direction.
- Continued coordinated efforts to assist parents and consumers make informed medical and life decisions.
- Focused activities with the goal of reducing the severity of disability.

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