

# ADRS Blueprint For the 21st Century

MISSION: TO ENABLE ALABAMA'S CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES  
TO ACHIEVE THEIR MAXIMUM POTENTIAL

## **We VALUE the worth, dignity and rights of people with disabilities and we will:**

- provide an easily accessible, integrated continuum of services;
- ensure quality services that are family-centered, culturally sensitive, and community-based;
- promote and respect consumer choice regarding provision of services;
- advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities and promote self-advocacy;
- include people with disabilities, their families and advocates in agency planning and policy development.

## **We VALUE independence and meaningful work for people with disabilities and we will:**

- educate families, children, employers, schools and the public that people with disabilities can and do work;
- advocate for quality health services and community supports that enable people with disabilities to work and/or function independently;
- develop, maintain and expand working relationships with employers;
- identify and create job opportunities that are compatible with consumer abilities;
- foster cross-divisional collaboration to achieve successful work outcomes.

## **We VALUE all staff and their contributions in achieving our mission and we will:**

- communicate openly and honestly;
- recruit, develop, retain and promote a diverse, qualified staff;
- involve staff in agency planning, policy development, and performance objectives;
- recognize and reward exemplary job performance;
- provide staff opportunities for personal and professional growth.

## **We VALUE leadership at all levels, and we will:**

- maximize staff participation in all agency initiatives;
- create an environment which encourages and supports creativity and innovation;
- facilitate teamwork among all staff;
- provide support and leadership development opportunities.

## **We VALUE maximum acquisition and efficient and effective management of resources and we will:**

- acquire maximum resources;
- increase legislative support;
- develop and use appropriate technological advancements;
- evaluate the effective and efficient use of our resources;
- collaborate with organizations in the public and private sectors.

## **We VALUE public support, and we will:**

- educate the public about our mission, goals, services and expertise;
- secure support from business and industry, consumers of services, partners and policymakers;
- create partnerships that expand services to enhance opportunities for consumers;
- maximize staff involvement in the development of grassroots support.

