

## **Blue Ribbon Panel**

### **Suggested Contractual Initiatives**

#### **Quality Assurance**

Develop and disseminate a general DD resource guide (non education)

#### **Health**

Fund an initiative that ensures physicians are provided information and updated on available resources, like operation healthcare in New Orleans.

Fund an initiative to inform individuals/parents and providers/support coordinators of available health programs and health related resources (i.e., dental, vision, and preventive health/wellness services).

#### **Education**

Fund an initiative that provides information and skill building to students, parents and community stakeholders (education, faith-based organizations, etc.) that promotes the value of “Social Capital,” how to build and utilize these natural circles of influence and connections to obtain employment and access resources.

Fund an initiative that builds social connections and the development and nurturing of true and meaningful friendships in school aged students through a ‘mentorship’ program.

Develop/disseminate an Education/Early Intervention resource guide.

Fund a training program that increases the capacity of school-aged children to develop self advocacy skills and become self-determined individuals that leads to enhanced transition outcomes. Part of this initiative can include video materials that highlight high expectations for kids with disabilities such as an “I can learn” video campaign.

Build the capacity of families participating in local educational governance by providing training on how to effectively serve on local school boards.

Provide success stories (the most critical best practices in inclusion, transition etc) and step-by-step how-to resource materials.

#### **Employment**

Provide training in best practice employment strategies to support providers.

#### **Recreation**

Promote recreation opportunities through collaborative agreements with local park districts, YMCAs, etc. to promote the use of shared supports (e.g., EPSDT).

Create an inclusive recreation network.

Encourage the development of inclusive facilities and programs in more communities by spotlighting inclusive, accessible recreational departments across the state.

Develop and disseminate an inclusive recreation resource guide.