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Council Approves Position Papers and FFY 2017 Action Plan

During its April meeting, the DD Council updated several [Position Papers](#) and approved its [Action Plan for Federal Fiscal Year \(FFY\) 2017](#). Newly updated position papers are on [Inclusion](#), [Education](#), [Employment](#), [Self-determination](#), [Health Care](#), and [Community Support](#). Highlights of the Council's FFY17 Action Plan include goals to continue to support advocacy and self-advocacy leaders; advocate for further shifting of resources from institutional to community-based services; provide specialized training and technical assistance for community providers in supporting individuals with the most challenging needs; increase inclusive, evidence-based education policies and practices; and build capacity for and skills to achieve competitive employment outcomes. Comments on the Action Plan should be sent to Derek White at Derek.White@la.gov by June 8, 2016.