

## **INARF 2020 Legislative Agenda**

### ***Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services (BDDS) Provider Re-Approval***

Over the last few years, our Members have grown increasingly concerned with the evolving provider re-approval process, especially given that current Indiana Code states that organizations accredited by certain national accrediting bodies are not subject to re-approval surveys or routine monitoring surveys by DDRS, BDDS, or BQIS. During the 2020 Indiana General Assembly Session, INARF recommends the addition of language to current code clarifying that organizations which have received accreditation from the list of approved national accrediting bodies currently in Indiana Code are exempt from any BDDS re-approval process.

### ***Ability Indiana and the Employment of Hoosiers with Disabilities***

In order to continue to comply with the spirit of the Indiana Code in IC 5-22-13 and its efforts to employ individuals with disabilities by contracting for Certified Ability Indiana Organizations (CAIOs) to provide products and services to the State of Indiana, INARF recommends the following changes:

- Further define the term “purchase” in order to clarify which portions of the Indiana Code apply to the preference for Ability Indiana organizations
- Clarify that all governmental bodies should make purchases using the applicable Ability Indiana Code if Ability Indiana organizations can meet the specifications and provide the product or service within 10% of fair market value