



# FL SAND Legislative Priorities 2026

FL SAND is a network of 13 grassroots, self-advocacy groups that represents people with disabilities throughout the state of Florida. We advocate for disability rights and inclusion for all and speak for thousands of self-advocates in Florida. You can learn more about us at [FLSAND.org](http://FLSAND.org), or reach us at [contactflsand@gmail.com](mailto:contactflsand@gmail.com).

## #1 Keep APD's iBudget and CDC+ Programs Strong

With the FDDC and other agencies, we urge the legislature to provide funding and oversight to keep the iBudget program strong. This includes

- Ensuring people with I/DD and their families have reliable choices beyond managed care when deciding how to receive the care and support they need.
- Lawmakers and APD working together to improve how services are planned and managed to ensure resources are used as intended and accountability is strong.
- Improving support for and increasing the number of Waiver Support Coordinators so APD clients have choices in who provides their care.
- Continuing to support and encourage self-direction in services through the CDC+ program and Participant Directed Option in managed care.



## #2 Solve the Transportation Dilemma

We support a transportation bill and funding to solve the persistent, debilitating problems of insufficient reimbursement rates for providers and local paratransit systems not providing efficient door-to-door options and rides that cross county lines. People with disabilities cannot be fully included in the community if they cannot cross county lines to work and see their doctors.

## #3 Address Affordable Housing

FL SAND urges legislators to appropriate funds to increase the availability of affordable housing for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. FL SAND supports increased appropriations to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) to continue its competitive grant program for affordable housing for individuals with I/DD; the utilization of low-income housing tax credits along with grants to support development of larger I/DD affordable rental properties, when appropriate; and enhanced collaboration among state agencies to create a comprehensive strategy promoting housing stability, self-sufficiency, and community access for the I/DD population.

