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Ohio Recommendations for National Actions

1. Plain language that supports DD partner collaboration to address a specific issue brought to them by self advocates that could include 1) DD partners create a toolkit for self-advocates to be part of individual plans and 2) Create e-database for self-advocates for legal and other DD resources and national self-advocacy organizations—house toolkits to be a “one stop shop”.
2. Self-advocates should be at all tables. ADD should financially provide support for transportation assistance, technology, and e-meetings so everyone who wants to participate can and that self-advocates should be paid a fair wage and not expected to volunteer.
3. Create an advisory committee of self-advocates to advise UCEDDs on their research.

Ohio National Policy Recommendations

1. Require that ADD advocates w/ CMS to have self advocates at the table when changes to healthcare coverage are being made.
2. ADD should sponsor self-advocacy conferences where federal policy makers come to explain the laws that they are in charge of and listen to self-advocates share their stories and concerns about how cuts and changes affect their lives.
3. ADD would advocate with Congress that self-advocates would become the 4th prong or the 4th branch of the DD network.