



ANCOR Foundation

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES FOR ALL

The ANCOR Foundation is a 501(c) 3 organization created to support the development of innovative program concepts and identify and disseminate information that will improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. It is affiliated with the American Network for Community Options and Resources (ANCOR), a 501(c)6 trade association representing private providers that serve and support people with disabilities. ANCOR's membership includes over 800 provider agencies and 50 state provider associations nationwide that collectively provide supports and services to more than 385,000 people with disabilities and employ over 300,000 full and part-time direct support staff.

ANCOR offers the only national, collegial network of providers who share information and resources relevant to service quality and leading practices. ANCOR advocates for leading practices in the industry and serves its members by ensuring continuing progress toward greater quality of life for people with disabilities.

The ANCOR Foundation has created **The Center on Leadership** and **The Center for Innovation and Information**. Through the work of these centers the Foundation will achieve its mission: *To build the commitment and capacity of communities to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.* The Foundation encourages and nurtures partnerships among community leaders and people with disabilities in order to promote full participation and interaction among all people living in a community.

The importance of community is further fostered by the ANCOR Foundation's Community Builder Award, which recognizes exemplary efforts to create communities that provide the respect, opportunity and support needed by people with disabilities to live as included and valued members.

Mission

The ANCOR Foundation's mission is to build the commitment and capacity of communities to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.

Vision

The ANCOR Foundation's vision is to see people with disabilities living meaningful, productive, personally satisfying and well-supported lives in communities of their choice.

Center for Leadership

The Center for Leadership will offer an extensive array of learning and development opportunities for community members committed to building the capacity of communities to fully engage people with disabilities and enhance their quality of life.

These leaders include service providers, direct support professionals, people with disabilities and their family members, business and community leaders, public officials, and may include others who impact the lives of people with disabilities.

Center for Innovation and Information

The Center for Innovation and Information will gather, assess and disseminate strategies, techniques, innovative practices and information and resources relevant and applicable to building community capacity. The center will foster the creation and support of communities of quality practice.

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