



2017 Legislative Priorities

Focus Area:

- Protect the key provisions of the Affordable Care Act that affect access to mental health services.

Other:

- Monitor state budget and funding allocations for behavioral health.
- Monitor legislation that impacts defendants subject to involuntary commitment.
- Support the work of the study committee and potential legislation regarding “nonrestorable” defendants.
- Support Department of Health Services amendments to fingerprint and licensing laws.
- Consider support for Arizona Office of Courts legislation on sentencing fines, competency and permanent guardianship.
- Support sentencing reform efforts so individuals with a mental illness can receive diversion program services and re-entry supports.
- Support efforts to increase the imposed time limits of 12 months to 24 months for TANF recipients.