

CCA Priorities & Goals for 2023

At the April CCA meeting, we discussed our 2023 priorities and goals. Below is the summary of what we agreed we will focus upon this next year in areas of advocacy, inclusion, and alliances.

Advocacy

1. Priority: Raise the visibility of the need for accessible transportation and mobility
Goal: Support the adoption of the Accessible Transportation and Mobility Principles by the Bloomington City Council
2. Priority: Improve the community experiences of deaf and hard of hearing people
Goal: Pass a city-wide ordinance for captioning use on TVs in Bloomington
3. Priority: Ensure city government is aware of the needs of disabled people and involve them and their advocates in the political process
Goal: Co-host a mayoral candidate forum with Stone Belt (held 3/30/23)
4. Priority: Support those in the community who require personal care assistants
Goal: Form a working group that includes city leaders to explore how the situation can be improved

Inclusion

1. Priority: Provide a robust and user-friendly community service by taking in and redistributing mobility equipment through the MALL (Mobility Aids Lending Library)
Goals: Increase awareness about and donations to the MALL; transition categories of items to MCPL checkout
2. Priority: Establish a disability-friendly “front door” for visitors and new residents to Bloomington
Goal: Complete the disability brochure/website for Visit Bloomington
3. Priority: Make all places of public accommodation in Bloomington as accessible as legally possible
Goals: Obtain permission to make and place Lego ramps at several City of Bloomington businesses and/or parklets; add new fields to accessibility surveys that specifically address the needs of deaf and blind patrons; offer staff trainings for targeted groups (e.g., wait staff); work to bring parking lots into compliance

Alliances

1. Priority: Work to expand the network of CCA partners to engage in projects that benefit the community, raise awareness, share resources, and extend our reach
Goals: Increase participation with and efforts to serve the deaf community and other underserved communities; engage in joint efforts with MCPL, SICIL, MCCSC, VITAL, IU ASL Club, Area 10, IU Health, and member organizations represented at monthly DSP meetings, among others