



# OPEN DOORS

for MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES

## 2021 Legislative Priorities

**Vision:** All culturally and linguistically diverse individuals with developmental/intellectual disabilities and their families thrive in an inclusive society of their design.

**Mission:** We engage and partner with culturally and linguistically diverse individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities and their families. We use a cultural brokerage model to navigate services, provide specialized programming and advocate for systems change.

We aim to impact systems and policy change that create inclusive communities where the whole of a person's intersectional identity can be seen and celebrated. We do this by providing culturally and linguistically diverse individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities and their families with resources, trainings, and a safe space to develop and express their stories, while being supported on paths to advocate for the change they believe in.

### Legislative Priorities

- Special Education: An educational system that celebrates the cultures and identities of Black, Indigenous, Students of Color with Disabilities and enables them to realize their full potential. Focus on combating the school to prison pipeline. For more info: [Investing in Student Potential Coalition](#)
- Educational Language Access: All families have access to qualified interpreters and high quality translations to meaningfully engage in their children's education. For more info: [Language Access Workgroup Report](#)
- Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA): Protection of the DDA Budget with the acknowledgment that cuts will disproportionately hurt communities of color. For more info: [Developmental Disabilities Council #CutsCauseCrisis](#)

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