

MISSION STATEMENT

The Division and/or Commission of Persons with Disabilities will promote the employment of lowans with Disabilities and reduce barriers to employment by providing information, referral, assessment and guidance, training, and negotiation services to employers and citizens with disabilities.

2004-2005 Strategies for taskforces pertaining to **employment and advocacy**

Legislative

- Working with legislators, identify individuals with disabilities as constituents and resources
 - To increase Division appropriations for Commission communications/travel/outreach
 - To outline strategic and targeted legislation for Commission support.
- Access/Reduction of barriers
 - To promote physical, and program access, especially for employers
 - To identify housing and transportation resources to assist people with disabilities to live and work in their community of choice
 - To change attitudinal barriers
 - Marketing and Communications
 - To coordinate Commission efforts through public relations promotions and marketing strategies.
 - To effectively coordinate the planning, preparation, and management of specific events.