

## **UNITED WAY CONSUMER INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR PERSONS WITH PHYSICALLY DISABLING CONDITIONS**

### **Definition of consumer population:**

Individuals with physically disabling conditions are those who are limited in physical activity and condition as a result of congenital circumstances or injury.

### **Desired outcomes as a result of investing in services for this population:**

- Disabilities will be prevented and/or identified early in the consumer's life trajectory
- Disabled individuals will be helped to reside in home/community settings, succeed academically, and achieve the highest level of employment appropriate for their disability/condition.

### **United Way's Physically Disabling Conditions Investment Strategies:**

- A) **Consumer group-relevant interventions** targeting young adults and families throughout the Life Trajectory that can prevent/delay/minimize the impact on physically disabling conditions caused by risky behavior choices, ethnic/racial factors and genetic conditions. Interventions can occur throughout the Life Trajectory and might include: group/community targeted information/education opportunities and multiple individual/group community related activities. Special consideration given to collaborative/innovative programs that focus on the individual and cross condition specific boundaries.
- B) **Assessment programs for the 0-3+** with the potential to prevent/minimize future disabling conditions and direct individuals/families to individual and multi-condition appropriate, coordinated services.
- C) **Case/care management/navigation services** that assist physically disabled persons across all age cohorts access community services either episodically or longer term to allow them to reside in home/community settings, succeed academically, and achieve the highest level of employment appropriate for their disability/condition. Special consideration given to collaborative programs that cross condition specific boundaries.
- D) **Speech and Hearing** and, if warranted, coordinated, individual specific and multiple condition **treatment services** for children and adults post assessment and screening to facilitate education, employment and quality of life throughout the Life Trajectory.