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The National Reform Agenda
and People with Mental Retardation:

Putting People First





PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON MENTAL RETARDATION

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Dear Colleague:

Members and staff of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation (PCMR) are pleased to share with you the enclosed copy of The National Reform Agenda and People with Mental Retardation: Putting People First.

The President's Committee on Mental Retardation (PCMR) convened a Presidential Forum, "The President's Reform Agenda and People with Mental Retardation: 21st Century Realities," in April 1994. Attendees of the Forum consisted of experts in the field of mental retardation, self-advocates, and parents of children with mental retardation and related disabilities from various sections of the country. The Forum addressed six areas of the President's reform agenda: health care; welfare; long-term care; housing; employment; and education. Proposed reforms related to these areas were discussed in work groups consisting of 10-20 participants.

Information contained in this publication is based on speeches given at the Forum, papers prepared by experts in the field of mental retardation, and recommended actions for the six reform areas covered by the Forum.

The President's Committee on Mental Retardation is hopeful that you will find this publication interesting, stimulating, and resourceful.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director

Enclosure