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The following is a statement from SourceAmerica regarding the *National Disability Policy: A Progress Report, 2024* issued by the National Council on Disability in October 2024:

It is disappointing that the National Council on Disability continues to focus on old data regarding the AbilityOne® Program. The Program has made significant improvements over the past five years, implementing many recommendations included in NCD's 2020 report and the final report issued by the Section 898 "Panel on Department of Defense and AbilityOne Contracting Oversight, Accountability, and Integrity" in 2021. While the new report highlights this progress, SourceAmerica disagrees with NCD's recommendation regarding AbilityOne.

According to preliminary data for FY24, agencies in the SourceAmerica nonprofit network:

- Provided employment for more than 36,000 (an increase of over 2,700 people from FY23)
- Promoted nearly 2,300 AbilityOne employees into management or higher-level positions, and
- Successfully placed over 1,500 people who worked AbilityOne contracts into community employment outside AbilityOne.

SourceAmerica is proud to support the modernization of the AbilityOne Program as it provides good jobs with competitive wages and benefits to thousands of people with significant disabilities.