

Information About ADD

(Administration on Developmental Disabilities)

and the DD Network

(Developmental Disability Network)

What is the “DD Act”?

In 2000 the US government passed a law called The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000. Most people call this law “The DD Act” for short. “Act” means law and “DD” stands for Developmental Disabilities.

What does The DD Act do?

The DD Act makes sure that people with developmental disabilities and their families are able to work together to come up with a plan for:

- community supports,
- person centered supports,
- and other supports that people with developmental disabilities may need.

The plan that is created must make sure that every person with a developmental disability:

- has self-determination,
- has independence,
- is included and valued as a member of the community.

**The Developmental Disabilities Assistance
and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (The DD Act)**

Assures that individuals with DD
And their families

Participate in the design of
And have access to...
Needed community services
Individualized supports
Other assistance

Promotes
Self-determination,
Independence, Productivity,
Integration and Inclusion

In all facets of
Community life
Through culturally competent programs

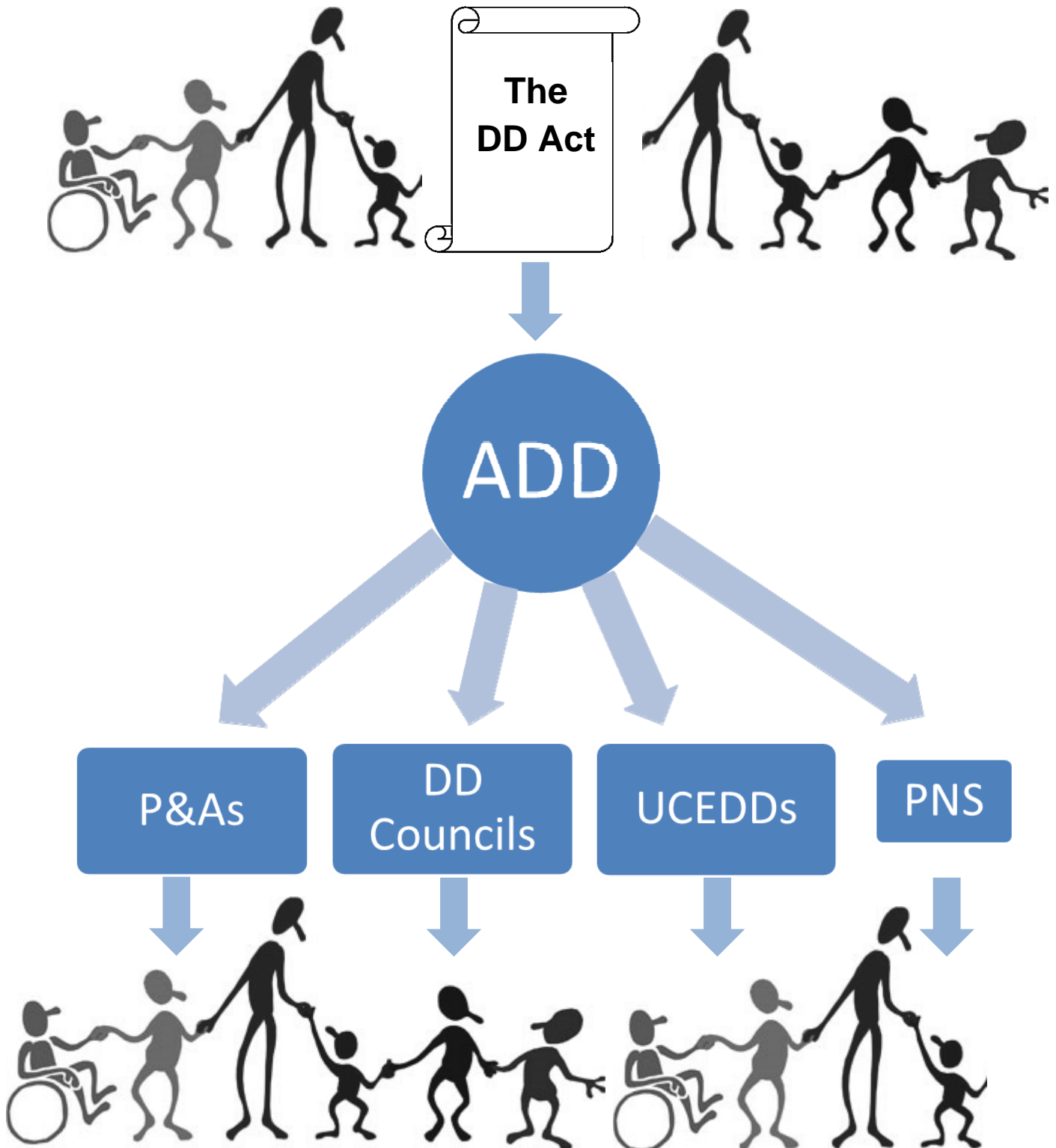
What is ADD?

The Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) is a government agency that is in charge of making sure that The DD Act is followed. ADD also helps to create the plan which 4 different programs must follow. The programs that ADD oversees to help make sure that the plan is followed are:

- **DD Councils** (State Councils on Developmental Disabilities are supported by NACDD)
- **P&As** (Protection and Advocacy systems are supported by NDRN)
- **UCEDDs** (University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service are supported by AUCD)
- **PNS** (Projects of National Significance)
 - PNS focus on a few of the most important issues affecting people with developmental disabilities and their families across the country. ADD awards grants and contracts to do these projects, however there is only a little amount of money that goes to PNS.

Many people call the DD Council, the P&A's, and the UCEDDs the "DD Network", because they are the programs that work together with ADD to follow all of the plans created from the DD Act.

People with Disabilities and their Families



People with Disabilities and their Families

What does the “DD Network” do?

DD = Developmental Disabilities

- **DD Councils:** Councils carry out the DD Act and promote the interests and rights of people with developmental disabilities and their families by finding the most serious needs of people with developmental disabilities in their state or territory and participating in advocacy, changing the way things are done and supporting new projects and activities in order to help states meet those needs.
- **P&As:** Protection & Advocacy organizations work to protect the rights of people with disabilities and their families through legal support, advocacy, referral, and education.
- **UCEDDs:** University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service work with people with disabilities, members of their families, state and local government agencies, and community providers on projects that provide training, support, service, research, and information sharing, with a focus on strengthening communities and making sure everyone is involved.
- **State DD Agencies:** These state government agencies work to build person-centered systems of services and supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families. State DD Agencies are not funded by ADD.