

State Councils on Developmental Disabilities

An Overview

Council Membership

- Council members are appointed by the Governor after soliciting recommendations
- Council may coordinate Council and public input to Governor
- Geographically representative of the State
- Membership must be rotated

Representation of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Not less than 60% are:

- Individuals with developmental disabilities
- Parents or guardians of children with developmental disabilities
- Immediate relatives or guardians of adults with mentally impairing developmental disabilities

Representation of Agencies and Organizations

- Representatives of state entities including Rehabilitation Act, IDEA, Older American Act of 1965, titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act.
- University Centers in the State
- P&A system
- Local & nongovernmental agencies, and private nonprofit groups

Purpose of a Council on DD

Assurance that people with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of and have access to:

- Needed community services
- Individualized supports
- Other assistance to promote:
 - Self determination
 - Independence
 - Productivity
 - Integration
 - Inclusion

Council Responsibilities

- Serve as an advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities and conduct or support programs, projects, and activities that carry out the purpose of the DD Act.
- State Plan development
- State Plan Implementation through:
 - Outreach
 - Training
 - Technical assistance

- Supporting & educating communities
- Interagency collaboration & coordination
- Coordination with related councils, committees & programs
- Barriers elimination, systems design and redesign
- Coalition development & citizen participation
- Informing policymakers
- Demonstration of new approaches to services and supports

State Plan

- Helps focus Council resources and activities based on public input and Comprehensive Review and Analysis data.
- Comprehensive Review & Analysis
 - Services and supports through State programs
 - Interagency initiatives
 - Service availability to individuals with developmental disabilities
 - Collaboration
 - Rationale for goals

5 Year State Plan Goals

- Goals consistent with indicators of progress
- Strategies used in achieving each goal
- Methods to achieve goals
- Required self advocacy goal
- Assurances

Use of Funds

- 70% to activities related to goals
- Supplement, not supplant, non-Federal funds
- Complement and augment services rather than duplicate
- Available to public or private entities
- 5%/ \$50,000 for functions of DSA
- Not more than 20% to DSA for service demonstrations

Designated State Agency

- Provides required assurances and supports to the Council
- Fiscal responsibilities
 - receive, account, disburse funds
 - fiscal control and fund accounting procedures

Records, Access, & Financial Reports

Non-Federal Share

Assurances

Memorandum of Understanding

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QUESTIONS?

