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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