

Developmental Disabilities Planning  
Council

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## Employment

### Goal:

Individuals with developmental disabilities will have the choice to acquire, retain and advance in paid employment with benefits consistent with their interests, abilities, and needs, including supported employment or self-employment, in integrated settings in the community.

### Objective 1:

Individuals with developmental disabilities with the most significant barriers to employment will have opportunities to participate in a best practices model which will enhance their ability to achieve competitive integrated employment.

Strategy: Project SEARCH

### Objective 2:

The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council will engage in advocacy efforts and education activities focusing on employability of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Strategy: Employer education, supported employment.

## Education

### Goal:

Individuals with developmental disabilities, from birth up to the age of 22, will have full access to a free and appropriate public education which is the foundation necessary to allow for equal participation within their community.

### Objective 1:

The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council will promote and support advocacy efforts and specific education activities on appropriate placement options and inclusive practices.

### Objective 2:

The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council will encourage families and youth to obtain additional information and assistance on transition planning services, best practices in transition, and options for post secondary education.

## Housing

### Goal:

Individuals with developmental disabilities will have unrestricted opportunities and choice for inclusive community living.

### Objective 1:

The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council will help develop crisis intervention services to meet emergency housing needs for individuals with developmental disabilities.

### Objective 2:

Individuals with developmental disabilities and their family members will be informed of Arizona's affordable and accessible housing.

## Health Care

### Goal:

Individuals with developmental disabilities will have access to and use of coordinated health, dental, behavioral health and other human and social services, including prevention activities, in their communities.

### Objective 1:

Students graduating from Arizona dental and medical schools and health care professionals will have the information that they need to provide quality services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

### Objective 2:

Individuals with developmental disabilities and their caregivers will have the information they need to understand the importance of self care in oral and dental care, nutrition, exercise, behavioral health, and all other areas that support a healthy lifestyle.

## Transportation

### Goal:

Individuals with developmental disabilities will have choice and options for safe, affordable, reliable and coordinated transportation services for work, school, medical, and personal needs.

### Objective 1:

The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council will support increased appointments of, and effective representation by, individuals with developmental disabilities and their family members at state and local boards, commissions, or other public bodies addressing transportation needs.

Strategy: Work with independent living centers.

## Quality Assurance

### Goal:

Individuals with Developmental Disabilities will have the information, skills, opportunities, and supports to live free of abuse, neglect, financial and sexual exploitation, protect self-determination, leadership, independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion in all facets of community life.

### Objective 1:

The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council will support surveys, data collection, and reporting for families and consumers measuring core indicators on quality of life and human services. The process will encourage meaningful participation by consumers and families, and results will be used to inform stakeholders regarding sustainability of supports, future needs, and other initiatives.

### Objective 2:

The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council will strengthen statewide self advocacy organizations representing the full range of disabilities for the purpose of preparing self advocate leaders in meaningful and active engagement in their leadership roles.

### Objective 3:

The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council will increase the number of people with developmental disabilities, including individuals from unserved and underserved communities, to be active participants in cross-disability and culturally diverse leadership.

### Objective 4:

The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council will provide services and supports designed to strengthen the capacity of the Council to serve.

### Objective 5:

Members of the general public and policymakers, statewide, will be education about issues impacting the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities, which may include an annual legislative event.

## Community Supports

### Goal:

Individuals with developmental disabilities will be valued participating members of their community and will have access to the full range of community services and supports.

### Objective 1:

The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council will support and promote education regarding voting rights for individuals with developmental disabilities.

### Objective 2:

The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, in concert with the DD Network, will facilitate a minimum of three developmental disabilities stakeholder meetings comprising but not limited to: the directorship of the lead disability advocacy organizations in AZ with the intent to brainstorm and collaborate on initiatives to ensure effective responsiveness to the emerging needs of individuals with developmental disabilities.

### OBJECTIVE 3:

The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council will support the development and maintenance of a website that is consumer and family friendly, accessible, authoritative, and current. The website shall provide links to information and resources pertaining to developmental disabilities in Arizona.