



*Ohio
Developmental
Disabilities Council*

A Powerful Partner for People with Disabilities



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The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council operates under the authority of federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000. Like our counterparts in other states, we conduct activities that improve Ohio's capacity for delivering services to people with developmental disabilities. The Council funds grant projects that are designed to ensure that self-advocates and their families have a voice in issues involving their services and supports and projects intended to streamline the quality and efficiency of services people with developmental disabilities need.

MISSION

The mission of the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council is to create change that improves independence, productivity and inclusion for people with developmental disabilities and their families in community life.

How do we do this?

We **ADVOCATE** for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

We **INITIATE** programs that enrich their lives.

We **DEMONSTRATE** a consistent commitment to our mission.

We **EDUCATE** about disability rights and the importance of self-determination.

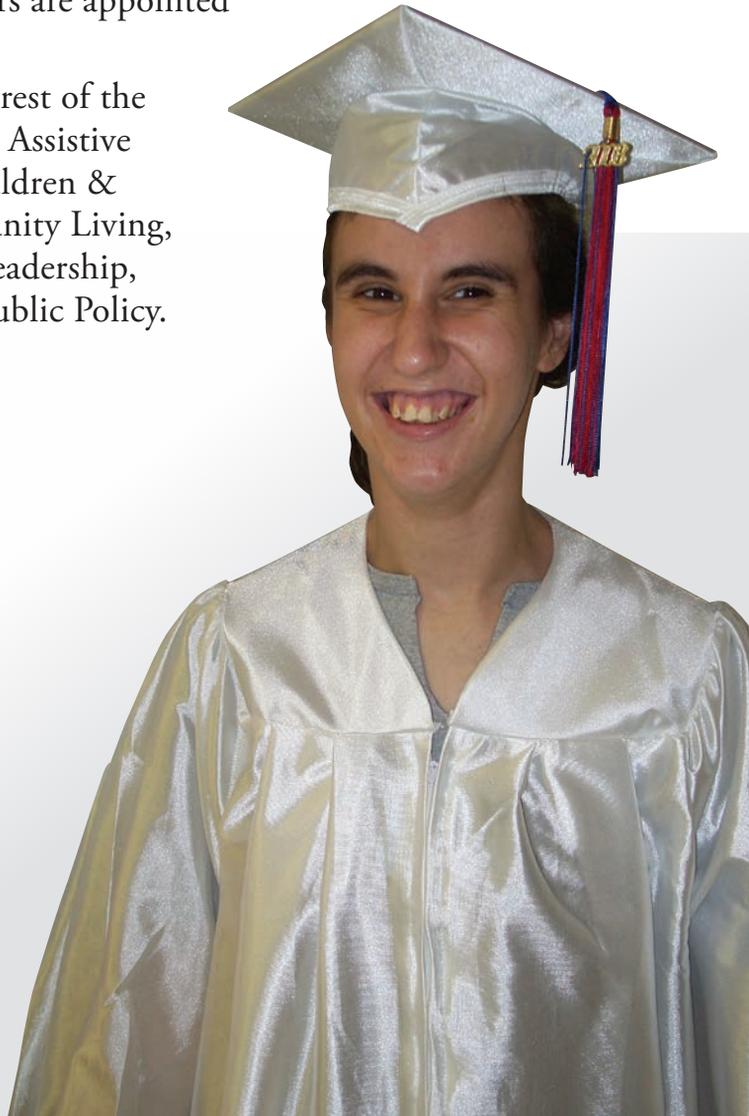


WHO ARE WE?

The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council is comprised of approximately 31 members, 60 percent of whom represent people with developmental disabilities, and parents and guardians of people with developmental disabilities. Additional representation includes representatives from state agencies, non-profit organizations and agencies providing services to people with developmental disabilities. DD

Council members are appointed by the governor.

The areas of interest of the DD Council are Assistive Technology, Children & Health, Community Living, Employment, Leadership, Outreach and Public Policy.



GRANTS

One of the DD Council's primary functions is the oversight of federal grants.

DD Council members, staff, or individuals can identify a problem or need that should be addressed. These issues can include self-determination, housing, transportation, or healthcare, just to name a few.

DD Council considers these needs when it creates a five-year plan on developmental disabilities. This plan is used to create specific grant proposals.

When grants are available, the DD Council will announce it so that anyone may apply for the grant. The DD Council makes the final decision on the award recipient.

WE ARE SEEKING DYNAMIC INDIVIDUALS

Self-advocates, parents and guardians of people with disabilities **can** have their voices heard. As a member of the DD Council, you can have an impact on the disability community.

You will be responsible to attend six, two-day meetings a year to discuss issues related to Ohioans with disabilities. You will also be reimbursed for your lodging, meals and mileage to attend meetings.

If you are that person, apply to become a member of the DD Council **today!** Visit our website at www.ddc.ohio.gov and fill out an application. For more information, contact Carla Cox at 614.644.5538 or 800.766.7426, or by email at carla.cox@dodd.ohio.gov.



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