

## What is the Mission of the Council?

The mission of the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities is to bring together persons with disabilities representing Arizona's cultural diversity and their families and other community members, to protect rights, eliminate barriers, and jointly promote equal opportunities.

This is achieved through a philosophy of self-determination with increased options through state-wide planning, advocacy, monitoring and community action for public policy change.

### GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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## What is the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities?

The Arizona State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council is authorized under the Federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (Public Law 106-402).

*Keeping an eye on what's important*



## Who are the Members of the Council?

Twenty-five members serve on the Council.

Members include:

- Individuals with developmental disabilities
- Family members of individuals with developmental disabilities
- Individuals who represent the agencies that serve persons with developmental disabilities in Arizona.



## How does the Council Pursue its Mission?

The Council seeks to ensure the adequate provision of services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their family members through statewide planning that incorporates advocacy, systems changes and capacity building.



## What goals and objectives are addressed in the 2001-2006, five-year plan?

The areas of emphasis in the Council's current five-year plan are education, employment, community supports and self-advocacy.

## How does the Council accomplish the goals and objectives of the five-year plan?

The Council implements the plan with the assistance of staff, district councils, contractors and collaborative partnerships.

## How can the Council assist you?

The Council can provide you with:

- Resources and information on the Council's work in the areas of education, employment, community supports and self-advocacy
- Information and referral
- Advocacy assistance
- Opportunities for input on the goals and objectives in the Council's five-year plan
- Information on upcoming Council meetings and events

## What is the DD Network?

The **Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities**, the **Arizona Center for Disability Law** and the **Institute for Human Development** are partner organizations that, together, form the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Network.

The three organizations are authorized under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (Public Law 106-402) and receive funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Developmental Disabilities.

The Arizona Developmental Disabilities Network partners work collectively and collaboratively to foster the independence, advocacy and community integration of individuals with developmental disabilities.

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