

What is a developmental disability?

A developmental disability is: a severe, chronic, mental or physical impairment, or combination of both; manifested before age 22; likely to continue indefinitely; and resulting in substantial, functional limitation in major life activities. Therefore, the individual requires a combination of services and supports that is individually planned and coordinated, and of life-long or extended duration.

Why do we have a Council?

The Developmental Disabilities Act mandates that every state and territory must have a DD Council. The job of the Council is to increase the independence, self-determination, productivity, integration and inclusion of people with developmental disabilities.

What do we do and for whom?

We explore new ways to promote and support initiatives for New Yorkers with developmental disabilities and their families.

The DDPC plays a key role in maintaining New York's exceptional level of quality service to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)

Five Year Plan ~ Areas of Emphasis and Goals

October 1, 2006 ~ September 30, 2011

Employment

Improve the relative parity of people with developmental disabilities when compared to the employment levels within the general public.

Education, Early Intervention and Children's Services

Enhance programmatic responsiveness to maximize the inclusion of children with developmental disabilities in education, early intervention, and child care services as well as community life.

Health

Ensure access to and expand appropriate and quality health promotion, wellness, medical, oral and health care services available to children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Homes

Increase housing, and support options available to adults with developmental disabilities and their families.

Transportation

Increase transportation options for individuals with developmental disabilities that open participation in employment and community life.

Quality Assurance Protective and Preventive Services

Protect and support individuals with developmental disabilities in family in community settings.

Quality Assurance Advocacy & Leadership

Develop strong cohesive developmental disabilities advocacy networking and leadership in New York State.

Quality Assurance Workforce

Increase the quantity, quality and competence of people working in the developmental disabilities workforce.

Quality Assurance Self-Determination

Promote and support individuals to lead self-determined lives with valued community memberships.

Community Services Un/Underserved Populations

Children and adults with developmental disabilities from un/underserved populations have equitable and appropriate access to culturally-sensitive community and specialty services.

Community Supports Community Participation

Improve quality of life and community participation for children and adults with developmental disabilities, including participation in recreational, social and leisure activities.

Cross Cutting Emerging issues & Community Education

DDPC activities that impact one or more Areas of Emphasis.

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Developmental Disabilities
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(DDPC)**

The DDPC recognizes that disability is a natural part of the human experience that does not diminish the right of individuals with developmental disabilities, including individuals with severe disabilities, to enjoy the opportunity to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society, and experience the full integration and inclusion in the economic, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of American society. This is based on the belief that all people, including individuals with severe developmental disabilities, are created equal and are entitled to have their legal, civil and human rights respected and protected.

When and where do we meet?

Council meetings are held quarterly in Albany. Advance notice of meeting dates, times, and locations, are posted on the DDPC Website.

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How can you reach us?

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**State Plan
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