



Shiloh Blackburn:

Being on the Council has done so much for me. It's helped me as a person and as a self-advocate, getting me out of my comfort zone and my own little world. I've learned People First Language and met some truly wonderful people who have gone through similar experiences as me or who've worked hard for inclusion and respect and a better quality of life for people with disabilities. I've learned I can truly make a difference.

Membership Application
Deadline is **March 1st**

Applications are available
on our website.

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@ Jo Lynn Garrison:

Being on the ICDD has been a wonderful experience. It has enabled me to work with many people around our state who are active in improving the lives of people with disabilities.

Through this experience, my eyes have been opened to the tremendous amount of work that is being done throughout Idaho to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with the wonderful people on the Council. This has been a truly remarkable experience that I would highly recommend.



Why be a Council Member?

Council membership offers you an opportunity to bring state and national focus to issues of concern to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. It is an opportunity to be involved in work that:

- educates the public
- informs policymakers
- improves systems
- supports self-advocacy
- builds community capacity

Council members are adults with developmental disabilities, parents of children with developmental disabilities, and representatives from various organizations and state agencies that fill specified Council positions.

What are the responsibilities of a Council Member?

Council members serve for a 3-year term and are expected to attend 2-day meetings each quarter—8 days per year. Meetings are held Thursdays and Fridays in Boise Idaho. Travel, lodging, and meal expenses for meetings are paid by the Council.

Members are also expected to receive and respond to email communication from Council staff, participate in occasional interim Council committee teleconference meetings to discuss and decide critical issues, and participate in a variety of other Council activities.

In advance of each quarterly meeting, members receive information packets they are required to read. Packets are provided in alternative formats when requested.

The Council expects members to keep their ears and eyes tuned to things related to people with developmental disabilities in their communities and bring ideas, issues, and opportunities to the Council's attention.