

Vision
Mission
Values



VISION:

"All Idahoans participate as equal members of society, empowered to reach their full potential as responsible and contributing citizens of their communities."

MISSION:

The mission of the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities is to promote the capacity of people with developmental disabilities and their families to determine, access, and direct the services and/or supports they need to live the lives they choose, and to build the communities' ability to support their choices.

VALUES:

Independence ~ Respect
Participation ~ Integration
Partnership ~ Responsibility
Equality ~ Quality of Life
Choice ~ Inclusion

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What is the Council on Developmental Disabilities?

The Council is authorized under state and federal law to:

- ◆ Provide public education and awareness about developmental disabilities,
- ◆ Promote quality in services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families
- ◆ Monitor and evaluate policies, plans and services provided by public agencies for people with developmental disabilities,
- ◆ Represent the concerns of people with developmental disabilities and their families to elected officials and public agencies,
- ◆ Encourage citizen participation in public policy making; and
- ◆ Promote innovative programs and projects through grants and contracts.

Who Serves on the Council?

The Council is composed of 23 Governor-appointed volunteers, including people with developmental disabilities, family members, and representatives of public agencies and private organizations that serve people with developmental disabilities. At least 60% of the Council must be consumers of developmental disability services or family members.



Council Activities and Accomplishments

Every five years, the Council develops a plan to guide its work. The plan is based on public input and reflects the primary concerns and issues that have been identified. Recent efforts by the Council include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Support for the **Idaho Self Advocate Leadership Network** a statewide organization run by and for people with disabilities
- ◆ Promoting employment of people with disabilities through an **Employment First Initiative**
- ◆ Coordination of the **Collaborative Workgroup on Services to Adults with Developmental Disabilities** a group working for positive systems change and related policy development

- ◆ **Inclusive Education Project** - coordination of a state task force to promote best practice in inclusive education and implement pilot projects in Idaho schools
- ◆ Legislative advocacy training for people with developmental disabilities, family members, and others through **Disability Advocacy Day** events
- ◆ Support for training of direct support staff
- ◆ Promoting inclusion of individuals with disabilities through annual **Community Inclusion and Inclusive Education Awards**.
- ◆ Support for the **Tools for Life: Secondary Transition Conference** and partnership with the Interagency Council on Secondary Transition to develop and update the **Moving On Transition Binder** for Idaho students with disabilities
- ◆ Planning and implementation of a bi-annual **statewide self-advocacy conference**



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