



For each of the statements below, respondents could mark these choices: Strongly Agree, Agree, Agree Somewhat, Disagree Somewhat, Disagree, Strongly Disagree

**IMPACT** – Council activities have improved the ability of individuals with developmental disabilities and family members to:

**1... make choices and exert control over the services and supports they use:**

Comments: The council is great at encouraging not only persons with developmental disabilities and their families, but others in the community to spread the word about other services, other support and advocacy groups and it just feels like a positive and infectious!

**IMPACT** – Council activities have improved the ability of individuals with developmental disabilities and family members to:

**2... participate in community life**

No additional comments.

**3. SATISFACTION** – Council activities promote self-determination and community participation for individuals with developmental disabilities

Comments: Great job to the council for supporting the Community Partnership Conference on Human Services as that provides such a great opportunity for self determination and learning!

I strongly believe that the Council does and AWESOME job, hang in there.

**We would like to get your feedback on the effectiveness of our advocacy, capacity building and systemic change activities such as:**

1. outreach
2. training
3. technical assistance
4. supporting and educating communities
5. interagency collaboration and coordination
6. coordination with related councils, committees and programs
7. barrier elimination, systems design and redesign
8. coalition development and citizen participation
9. informing policymakers
10. demonstration of new approaches to services and support

**What does the Council do well?**

The self direction is the one of the most progressive in the nation. It is extremely well run and an outstanding benefit to those with disabilities.

The DD Council is one of the best assets in our state! Of the 10 activities listed above, I feel the Council does 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 at the highest level of excellence. #7 and #10 are not activities on which I have worked with the Council.

I believe the Council does an excellent job at all of the above listed items. The council is very passionate about training and ensuring that our Human Service fields have quality and ethical care takers for persons with disabilities. It encourages self advocacy and helps inform and coordinate with persons with developmental disabilities to support outreach and skills needed to fully function in their society.

Coordination with related councils, committees and programs. Barrier elimination, systems design and redesign. Informing policy makers Demonstration of new approaches to services and support.

As a recipient of Disability Mentoring Day grants I can speak to the Council's work in outreach, supporting and educating communities, interagency collaboration and coordination, and coordination with related councils, committees and programs. The Council has been a strong supporter of DMD which speaks to those particular areas. Through DMD we have been able to educate our employers as well as our community. Thus far 100% of our employers/mentors have agreed to participate in DMD again in the future. Not only does DMD educate employers, it educates the community through media stories. Most importantly, DMD gives individuals with disabilities hope for their future. Idaho Falls appreciates the monetary support of the Council for DMD. Without the

Council's grant, it would be difficult for us to deliver the quality program and activities we provide each year. I work with the Council (specifically Tracy) on activities such as the Idaho Interagency Council on Secondary Transition, the Tools for Life Transition Conference, and the Moving On Binder. Tracy represents the Council with professionalism and with passion.

An absence of comment regarding any item above does not mean the Council does not do well at it...I am only speaking to what I know.

1. Outreach...DD Day so that all may know the resources they can tap into. 2. Training...the Tools for Life fair/conference. 4. Supporting and Educating Communities...Again, DD Day and other regional activities, as well as resource materials such as the Secondary Transition Planner. 5. & 6. Interagency Collaboration and Coordination w/Related Agencies...better than any other collaborative committee I've served on! The action items are truly action items that get accomplished!

It helps keep me informed about what is going on across the state. I like that the council helps provide feedback and discussion about the self directed waiver in ID. I like the dedicated staff and the work they do to help people with disabilities in Idaho.

The Council is great at keeping partners up to date on the initiatives they're working on - whether through CID, Employment First, or Medicaid redesign. I appreciate the knowledgeable people who work at ICDD. The Council also does a great job including SALN, and other self advocates at all, or many, of the meetings that pertain to people with disabilities.

The ICDD excels in the areas below:

- \* Keeps the council members informed of progress on strategic goals.
- \* Obtains consumer input and feedback by requiring adequate representation of consumers on the council.
- \* Provides Council member with detailed budget reports.
- \* Presentations at council meeting are pertinent to the council goals and objectives.

Stays current with issues impacting individuals with DD. Advocacy and promotion of self advocacy.

Outreach, training, tech assistance, supporting and educating, collaboration, coordination, barrier elimination, coalition development and citizen participation, informing policy makers and demonstration of new approaches.

Training; Supporting and educating communities.

Supporting; Educating; Training; Outreach; Interagency collaboration/ coordination; Coalition development and citizen participation; Informing policymakers.

Advocating for individuals with developmental disabilities.

1. outreach, 2. Training, 5 interagency collaboration, 7. barrier elimination, 9. informing policymakers

They ensure that all stakeholders are engaged.

I believe the Council, through its staff, does a tremendous job of keeping people informed, including legislators and representatives of multiple organizations in the disability community. Staff are leaders in collaboration efforts, training, and explaining the many changes in the system, while interacting with numerous organizations through their work with CID and other groups.

1, 4, 5, 8, 9

To me the council well in all ten (10) areas that it works in.

The Council has done a lot of wonderful things over the years. They have done Partners in Policy that with parents of children with disabilities and adults with disabilities to come together and learn how to stand up for their rights.

4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

## **What could the Council do better?**

Better promotion of self direction.

After being on the council, I must say it by far the most passionate, organized group of advocates I have ever seen. I can't think of anything the council can do better at with the exception of just keep doing what you are doing!

It was disappointing that the Council chose to withdraw financial and staff support from the summer YLF activities. I hope this activity will eventually be sponsored by another entity.

Unsure.

3. technical assistance

The council could be better about promoting it's accomplishments and the projects it's currently working on. In supporting SALN and the Self Advocacy Conference etc... find other ways to help self advocates communicate to each other that doesn't involve conference calls.

Consider scheduling a couple of days apart from SILC meetings. Back to back day long meetings are difficult to schedule.

Challenge the positions taken by the Legislature that have a harmful impact on Medicaid DD services. Providers and family's are limited in how they respond.

Present data on evidence based practices (including programs and policies possibly from other states), solutions, alternatives (offensive) as opposed to defensive (i.e. educating about the impact of cuts only). Developing the next generation of leaders. Clone Marilyn, Christine etc. *LOL*

Not one thing.

7, 10

Not a thing. In my experience the council does a great job.

1, 2, 3, 10. The Council is one of the very best advocacy organizations in the State. Suggestions for things the council can do better are entirely relative to available capacity and is more a reflection that the council has its priorities right in putting more emphasis on the items responded to in "What does the council do well".

I am not one to answer this but am sure that like all of us, there is the belief that something can be done better or more needs to be done. I trust the staff and leadership of the council to best determine what these things might be. I also do not feel that I am capable of answering the additional questions. Sorry....