

Governor's Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities

Mission and philosophy

The Governor's Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities seeks and advocates for activities that promote self-sufficiency, community involvement and educational opportunities for people with disabilities, their families and the community.

The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act was originally enacted as Title I of the Mental Retardation Facilities and Construction Act of 1963. It has been amended and re-authorized several times during the years. The most recent was the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, PL 106-402.

Part B of the act, in part, provides for the establishment of state developmental disabilities councils to "assure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of and have access to needed community services, individualized supports and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity and integration and inclusion in all facets of community life, through culturally competent programs."

The council accomplishes its mandates through several different avenues. The council staff carries out some activities while others are accomplished by partnering with other established agencies and organizations to address areas of mutual concern. Finally, the council identifies gaps in service delivery and provides sub-grants to agencies and organizations to develop and implement projects that address innovative ways to fill the gaps.

Results of outcomes

Major accomplishments by the council include:

- 20 young adults, age 16 to 24, with various disabilities attended week-long Youth Leadership Forum;
- 86 people attended training seminars to learn organizational and leadership skills to improve function of local People First Chapters;
- provided support and technical assistance to eight local chapters of People First;
- approximately 400 people attended MEGA Conference on Disabilities;

General information

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Year established

1976

Statutory references

Executive Order 1987-13, W.S., 9-1-217
and 9-1-603(vii)

Number of authorized personnel

Four full-time, one at-will employee contract

Organizational structure

Wyoming Attorney General's office

Clients served

People with developmental disabilities, parents and families of people with developmental disabilities and the public

Budget information

General fund	\$112199
Federal	\$420477
Other	
Total	\$532676

Agency to which group reports

Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Developmental Disabilities

Number of members

18

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- 13 disability awareness activities during March Disability Awareness Month;
- 46 people received representative payee services as result of Council grant to Wyoming Guardianship Corporation;
- 28 people have jobs of their choice as result of council grants;
- Family Support Network, funded by council grant, received between 1,000 and 2,000 contacts a quarter;
- 16 people received training as facilitators in Missouri-Tikes curriculum;
- a tool and manual were developed to assess communities capacity to serve people with disabilities;
- 90 people received training in case manager resources;
- 49 children and 82 parents attended Attention Camp sponsored by UPLIFT, partially funded by Council grant; and
- awareness of disability issues for people involved in the legal system, from peace officer to judges was provided by Equal Access to Justice Project funded by council grant. Corporation, 46 people;

Meeting frequency

Quarterly

Strategic plan changes

New five-year plan completed.

Governor's Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities organization chart

