

What is a DD Council?

Councils on Developmental Disabilities were created by the Developmental Disabilities Act (DD Act) in 1970. Councils are located in every State and Territory and represent a Federal-State partnership in developing futures for and with people with developmental disabilities and their families.



The Council's Vision

The council believes that citizens of *all* abilities are fully able to participate and contribute meaningfully to our society when given the right support services, opportunities to grow, and an accepting community.



Council Membership



The council consists of at least 21 members appointed by the Governor. 60% of members are persons with disabilities or their family members. Membership also includes representatives from major state agencies and associated organizations that provide support to citizens with disabilities. Members are appointed for three-year terms and can serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.



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New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities



The New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities is dedicated to dignity, full rights of citizenship, cultural diversity, equal opportunities, and full participation for all New Hampshire citizens with developmental disabilities.



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What does the NH DD Council do?

The Council is charged by Federal law to identify the most pressing needs of people with developmental disabilities in NH and to develop innovative and cost effective ways to meet those needs in a manner that upholds the human and civil rights of all citizens. The Council works to promote independence, productivity, and systems change that will eliminate obvious inequities in areas such as employment, education, and access to healthcare. The Council works to create a community where people with developmental disabilities are naturally included and where they can enjoy the same civil liberties and quality of life as everyone else.

Impacting the Lives of Many



The overarching goal of the Council is to remove barriers and promote opportunities in all areas of life for people with developmental disabilities.

- ◆ 12.6% of people in NH have a disability.
- ◆ There is a 40.2% employment gap between people with disabilities and those without disabilities.
- ◆ There is a 19.2% college education gap between people with disabilities and those without disabilities.

(The 2019 Report on Disability in New Hampshire)

Council Projects

In order to carry out its mission, the Council runs and supports many projects, including:

- ◆ Stepping Stones NH Magazine
- ◆ The Disability RAPP
- ◆ Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Conference, DSP Appreciation and Family and Caregiver Support
- ◆ Leadership development and self-advocacy training for people with disabilities and their families
- ◆ Small grants for community projects, employment, and teens
- ◆ Legislative advocacy and education
- ◆ Demonstration grants help to develop, test, and implement new practices for improving the quality services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

FY 2017— FY 2021

The New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities (NHCDD) develops and follows a State Plan every five years to establish specific goals, objectives and strategies to address the most important issues affecting people with developmental disabilities in New Hampshire. These are our current goals:

Children's Issues



Quality of Life



Personal Choice



Access to Quality Services

