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THANK YOU

FROM THE CHAIRPERSON & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We would like to extend a thank you to all of our partners for the work completed toward our goals in federal fiscal year 2017-2018. The Council targeted their work on employment, transportation, advocacy and housing for people with disabilities. New outreach activities were completed through special needs expos and attending community disability awareness events.

Council members continued work on projects to enhance services and supports for Kentuckians with developmental disabilities. Notably, new relationships were established with business leaders to educate employers on the benefit of hiring people with disabilities, Council staff bolstered awareness on Medicaid Waiver redesign by keeping self-advocates and families informed of public meetings. Legislation was passed to continue the Peer Support Network (a joint project with the Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky, a Council DD Network partner) program in the Kentucky School System. It was a busy year for all Council and staff to implement the second year of the five year plan.

Public Policy initiatives provided Council members with direct access to lawmakers on the state and federal level. The Council held its first Advocacy Day at the Capitol with members educating legislators and being invited to the House floor. Additionally, Council members attended the National Disability Seminar, making a significant impact in talking with their federal representatives. Council also allocated funding to establish a Partners in Policy Making® program to begin in 2019 so that more self-advocates and family members will have the skills to effect systems change. Self-advocacy initiatives were strengthened for the program year with the addition of a Self-Advocacy Coordinator in the CCDD office. The Council voted to begin a Supported Decision Making project with DD Network partners that would further educate and impact the lives of people with developmental disabilities in having choice and control of their lives.

The program year concluded with a much anticipated move to new office space along with a change in state government support agencies. Legislation was passed establishing the Council under the Office of the Treasury with the result being that the Council is now able to serve as its own state agency with some administrative and legal support from the Office of the Treasury. The Council is immensely proud of all the self-advocates and family members who have taught so many others that disability rights are human rights. Please continue to follow the work of the CCDD into the next coming years and read on to learn about activities and accomplishments for the federal fiscal year 2017-2018.

Chairperson & Executive Director

Lela Hale & Kellie McCain

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MEET THE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Appointed by Governors in every state and territory, DD Councils consist of people with developmental disabilities, their family members, disability advocates and state agency representatives.



The Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities (CCDD) was established in October 1971 to fulfill the Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act (the DD Act). Every US state and territory has a Council to improve services and advocate for people with developmental disabilities. Councils work with policy-makers and community partners to achieve real changes on a state-wide level. Because of the DD Act and DD Councils, people with developmental disabilities are given the opportunity to be directly involved with building capacity and changing systems.

The CCDD is composed of 26 members. Sixteen members are self-advocates with developmental disabilities or the parents/guardians of self-advocates. The other 10 are representatives of principal state agencies who fund or provide services to people with developmental disabilities.



MISSION STATEMENT

To create systematic change in Kentucky that empowers people to achieve full citizenship and inclusion in the community through education, capacity building and advocacy.



MEMBERSHIP:

FAMILY MEMBER
FAMILY MEMBER
SELF ADVOCATE
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SELF ADVOCATE
NON-PROFIT
REPRESENTATIVE
SELF ADVOCATE
SELF ADVOCATE
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THE COUNCIL AT A GLANCE

OUR WORK



To help serve their communities, Council members developed a five year state plan addressing the needs of Kentuckians with developmental disabilities. The plan was implemented through community partnerships and vendors educating communities in disability awareness by designing projects that were innovative and sustainable. The Council used a comprehensive needs assessment to identify areas for goal development.

Federal fiscal year 2018 was the second year of implementation of the Council's five year state plan. Meeting quarterly and working through committees and work teams, Council members dedicated their time to develop programs and evaluate goals and objectives. Each member is an integral voice serving the community they represent.

OUR COLLABORATORS AT A GLANCE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP

UK HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
KY DIVISION OF PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY
KENTUCKY WORKS
KENTUCKY EMPLOYMENT FIRST COUNCIL
THE ARC OF KENTUCKY
KENTUCKY OFFICE OF THE TREASURY
KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL AND INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES
874K COALITION
COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL
HEALTH CARE NEEDS
DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID
KY SPECIAL PARENT INVOLVEMENT NETWORK
OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
BUILD INCLUSION

COALITION FOR WORKFORCE DIVERSITY
SOUTHEAST ADA CENTER
CENTER FOR NON PROFIT EXCELLENCY,
LOUISVILLE
KY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND INDEPENDENT
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SECRETARY OF STATE
KY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
KENTUCKY SOCIETY OF HUMAN RESOURCE
MANAGERS
COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
CLOSE UP FOUNDATION
KENTUCKY ADVOCACY ACTION NETWORK
LEXINGTON FAMILY MAGAZINE



FIVE YEAR PLAN AT A GLANCE

THE DD ACT REQUIREMENTS STATES COUNCIL TO FOCUS

Councils are mandated to engage in **advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change** activities that support people with DD to live in homes and communities in which they can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens while pursuing meaningful and productive lives.

Councils are called to improve coordinated, consumer and family centered and directed community services. Serving as advocates for people with DD, council activities and projects must carry out the purpose of the DD Act.

SUMMARY OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Throughout the program year, the Council put a great deal of effort into bolstering public policy activities. The first CCDD Day at the Capitol was held in 2018. Council members toured the Capitol and met with their legislators individually to advocate on issues important to them. CCDD members met with Treasurer Allison Ball and were invited to the House floor by Senator Danny Carroll. Council members traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in the annual Disability Seminar and met with their state representatives. Legislation was passed in the state to continue the Peer Support Network program in the state education system, creating a new sustainability plan for the program.

CCDD's targeted areas of emphasis for 2018 were Self-Advocacy, Health, Employment, Housing and Community Supports. Council developed a Self-Advocacy Coordinator position to strengthen efforts toward meeting objectives in self-advocacy. Self-advocacy programs and networks were explored advanced ways for self-advocates to be engaged and develop leadership skills. We continued educating Kentuckians about the KY STABLE Account program. Along with the Office of the Treasury and Kentucky Protection and Advocacy, Council provided more outreach on STABLE account information for Kentuckians to be more financially independent.

New partnerships were strengthened with business leaders and employers to promote employment for people with disabilities. It is imperative more opportunities for competitive and integrated employment are available for people. Kentucky became an Employment First state with Council representation on the work committee. The Council showed the movie "Bottom Dollars" produced by Rooted in Rights. Traveling throughout the state, communities viewed the movie which focused on sub minimum wage and the effect it has on people with disabilities.

GOAL ONE:

ADVOCACY

BY 2021, PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DD) AND FAMILY MEMBERS WILL INCREASE THEIR ADVOCACY SKILLS.

Objective 1 (Advocacy):

By 2021, the Council will establish or strengthen a state self-advocacy organization coordinated with and led by people with DD.

Objective 2 (Training & Mentoring):

By 2021, the Council will create training opportunities for people with DD and their families; and, in collaboration with DD Network Partners (UCEDD/HDI and P&A), increase leadership training and mentoring for people with DD who may become leaders.

Objective 3 (Leadership Coalitions):

By 2021, the Council will increase training and supports provided to people with DD so that at least 5 people with DD will effectively participate in cross-disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions.

Project Activities:

- Assisted in coordinating in the annual 874K Coalition Advocacy day, including training for self-advocates.
- Provided 20 scholarships for young people with DD to participate in Close Up training in Washington D.C. meeting representatives and advocating for people with disabilities.
- Produced Exceptional Family Kentucky magazine as an outreach and training resource for self-advocates and families. The magazine lists over 300 resources throughout the state on disability services and is available in English and Spanish. Over 24,000 English copies are distributed in 62 of the 120 counties of Kentucky. Over 1600 copies in Spanish are provided for outreach to Hispanic families.
- Assisted and supported in the community conversations on “Allyship” and “Unpuzzling Disability: Self-Advocates Redefining Leadership” led by self-advocates.
- Supported the Health Partners self-advocacy leadership activities resulting in a self-advocate being hired by HDI at the University of Kentucky. This program included the leadership of three self-advocates contributing significantly to its success.



GOAL TWO:

CAPACITY BUILDING

BY 2021, THE CAPACITY OF COMMUNITIES AND SYSTEMS TO INCLUDE PEOPLE WITH DD WILL BE INCREASED SO THAT PEOPLE WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREATER INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRATION.

Objective 1 (Communities & Schools):

By 2021, the Council will increase the capacity of communities and educational systems to increase opportunities for people with DD to form relationships beyond family and paid staff.

Objective 2 (Employment):

By 2021, the Council will increase competitive, integrated employment for people with DD.

Objective 3 (Housing):

By 2021, the Council will increase the supply of affordable, accessible, and integrated housing through the analysis and modification of public policies, budget actions and/or practices.

Project Activities:

- Began development of a Partners in Policymaking® program to begin in the fall of 2019.
- Supported implementation of Senate Joint Resolution 52 to continue Peer Support networks in the Kentucky school system. Over 80 Kentucky schools have been provided training.
- Increased partnerships with community business leaders and employers on the benefits of hiring people with disabilities. A new partnership was forged with the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and the KY Society of Human Resource Managers.
- Began development of an environmental education program to develop peer supports with Kentucky State University Environmental Education and Resource Center.
- Researched housing resources and utilizing universal design to increase affordable housing for people with disabilities.



GOAL THREE:

SYSTEM CHANGE

BY 2021, SYSTEMS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH DD WILL BE IMPROVED SO THAT PEOPLE WITH DD AND THEIR FAMILIES CAN LIVE AND THRIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

Objective 1 (Information Systems):

By 2021, the Council will improve up to 3 systems that provide information about resources and services so that people with DD and their families can have greater access to information.

Objective 2 (Medically-Fragile):

By 2021, the Council will improve systems that provide services and supports for people who are medically complex so they have more equitable access to community-based supports and services.

Objective 3 (Long-Term Community Supports & Services):

By 2021, the Council will improve long-term community supports for people with DD provided in integrated community settings.

Project Activities:

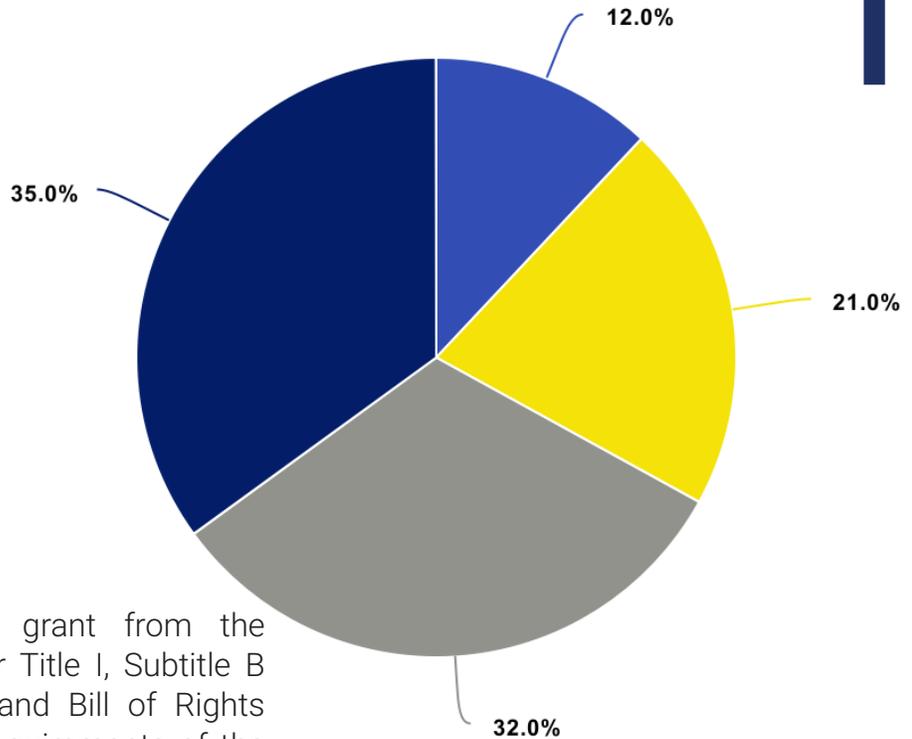
- Continued outreach for Kentucky STABLE accounts with Council members and staff serving as STABLE education Ambassadors.
- Supported the Disability 101 informational website for Kentuckians to review benefits and use employment calculators while exploring resources.
- Participated in HCBS Medicaid Waiver redesign efforts and town hall meetings while keeping families and self-advocates informed of pending changes.
- Researched services and supports for people who have medically or behaviorally complex needs.



ADVOCACY • BUILDING CAPACITY • SYSTEM CHANGE: 2018 PROJECT BUDGET

- GOAL 1: ADVOCACY:**
\$206,273.32
- GOAL 2: BUILDING CAPACITY**
\$228,368.37
- GOAL 3: SYSTEMS CHANGE**
\$132,956.87
- ADMINISTRATIVE & IN-HOUSE**
\$78,691.07

TOTAL: \$646,289.63



The CCDD receives a federal formula grant from the Administration on Community Living under Title I, Subtitle B of Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000. All funds are subject to the requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principle and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards under 45 CFR Part 75.

CCDD funds are used primarily for two purposes: (1) planning and (2) implementation of innovative strategies to address the needs of Kentuckians with developmental disabilities. The Council provides grant funding to community partners to develop projects that meet the goals and objectives of their five year plan.

The chart above identifies the amount of funding spent in the program year toward each goal in the plan and funds utilized for Council member engagement and support. Funds invested in Council meetings are part of the planning process, which is one of the Council's primary purposes. Federal law expressly prohibits the use of these funds for direct services to people with developmental disabilities.



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