



Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report



Our Mission

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

Our Purpose

The Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities (CCDD) was established in October 1971 to assist in fulfilling the Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act. Appointed by Governors in every state and U.S. territory, members consist of people with developmental disabilities, their family members, disability advocates, and state agency representatives.

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

The CCDD represents the interests of all Kentuckians who have developmental disabilities (DD) and their families. CCDD funds projects and engages in outreach activities of advocacy and leadership development. Through a Five Year Plan with goals and objectives, CCDD operates to improve service delivery and supports and help with innovative programs to emerge. To implement the state plan, CCDD works with organizations to provide outreach, training, technical assistance, educate communities, build coalitions and partnerships, engage in interagency collaborations, eliminate barriers, develop coalitions, increase citizen partnership, and inform lawmakers.

Our Network

CCDD is a component of the Kentucky Developmental Disabilities Network (DD Network). The DD Network initiate projects and initiatives to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families. Each state has a DD Network comprised of a DD Council, a Protection and Advocacy agency, and a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). In Kentucky, the network includes Kentucky Protection & Advocacy and The Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky.



CCDD Council Members 2024

Our Council Members

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

Governor Appointed

Casey Allen	Family Member
Meagan Brannon	Family Member
Jacob Cruz	Self-Advocate
Donna Fox	Self-Advocate
Ryan Guyder	Self-Advocate
Kelly Jones	Family Member
Mark Leach	Family member
Darrell Mattingly Jr.	Self-Advocate
Heather McConnell	Family Member
Sharon Raymond	Family Member
Mark Rothel	Self-Advocate
Danny Slaton	Family Member
Amy Smith	Family Member
Andrea Strassburg	Self-Advocate
Leigh Van Hooser	Family Member
Regina Watts	Family Member

Agency Representatives

David Allgood
Kristen Beach
Laura Butler
Camille Collins
Scott Collins
Blaire Handshoe
Chad Hunt
Tammie Isenberg
Barb Locker
Dr. Jason Wheatley

Non-Profit Representative
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
Human Development Institute, University Of Kentucky
Protection and Advocacy
Department Of Aging and Independent Living
Medicaid
Blind Services
Public Health
Behavioral Health, Development & Intellectual Disabilities
Department of Education



The policy committee meets during the quarterly meeting

Our Work

The DD Act requires a state Council to focus on:

Advocacy - active support of policies & practices that promote systems change efforts & other activities that further advance self-determination & inclusion in all aspects of community living.

Capacity Building - activities that expand and/or improve the ability of individuals with DD, families, supports, services and/or systems to promote, support & enhance self-determination, independence, productivity and inclusion in community life.

Systemic Change - a sustainable, transferable and replicable change in some aspect of service or support availability, design or delivery that promotes positive or meaningful outcomes for individuals with DD & their families.

State Plan Goals

Goal 1: Self-Advocacy

By 2026, people with developmental disabilities and family members will increase their knowledge of disability issues and develop stronger advocacy skills.

Goal 2: Building Capacity

By 2026, 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.

Goal 3: Systems Change

By the end of 2026, systems that provide services and supports for individuals with DD will be improved so that people with DD and their families can live and thrive in their communities.

Areas of Emphasis

Employment

Housing

Self-Advocacy

Formal/ Informal Community Supports

Transportation

Strategies Used

Outreach

Training

Supporting/Educating Communities

Technical Assistance

Barrier Elimination

Systems Design and Redesign

Coalition Development and Citizen

Participation

Informing Policymakers

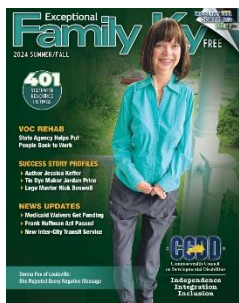
Our In House Projects

Kentucky Partners in Policymaking



The goal of Kentucky Partners in Policymaking (KPIP) is to accomplish productive partnerships between the people needing and utilizing services and those who form public policy. PIP was founded on the belief that the most significant and lasting public policy decisions came from the efforts of those most affected by them, working together with public officials and policy experts. KPIP educates participants about present issues and best practices and teaches them about local, state and federal levels of legislative processes. The council has one session per year.

Exceptional Family Magazine



Exceptional Family Kentucky is the only magazine dedicated to disability issues in Kentucky. It is published twice per year and distributed statewide. 10,000 copies are printed in English and 2,000 in Spanish. The resource guide boasts over 450 listings. The magazine is offered online in English and Spanish as well. Over 95% of survey participants agree that this magazine helps them increase their advocacy efforts.

Public Policy



The Council's Public Policy goal is to increase participation and outreach by Council members and stakeholders to impact and affect legislative issues including ongoing and emergent issues related to the DD population of Kentucky. Council members attend the National Disability Policy Seminar. The Council's Policy Coordinator holds

weekly calls that go over legislative issues affecting the disability community. These calls are open to the public. The Council worked with DD Network and other community partners to successfully advocate for \$165,000,000 increase in Medicaid waiver funding resulting in an additional 1,850 waiver slots funded by the Kentucky General Assembly's budget session in 2024.

Our Grantees

KARRN



Kentucky Appalachian Rural Rehabilitation Network is part of the statewide CARAT (Coordinating and Assisting the Reuse of Assistive Technology) program. A Council-funded program that educates stakeholders and removes barriers in rural Eastern Kentucky by utilizing teams of students to adapt local parks and also pairing those students with elderly people to refurbish AT equipment, teaching new skills and creating relationships in the community.

<https://medicine.uky.edu/centers/ruralhealth/kentucky-appalachian-rural-rehabilitation-network>

Housing Solutions Project



The Housing Solutions Project is embarking on a groundbreaking initiative in Kentucky, aiming to establish a non-profit entity singularly dedicated to addressing the housing needs of individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities (IDD). Currently, there is a glaring gap in the traditional non-profit housing sector, where the needs of people with disabilities are often included in organizational missions but never become the central focus. <https://www.mattinglyedge.org/housing>

The Independence Seekers Project



[The Independence Seekers Project](#) (ISP) is led by and for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities, especially those who are in Medicaid funded programs. The majority of their Leadership Council has been institutionalized, under guardianship, and/or received Medicaid services. ISP would like to implement the Advocacy & Sexuality Initiative. Skills taught include interpersonal relationships and boundaries along with etiquette around dating and sexuality. Louisville School of Medicine, will be involved in creating curriculum.

It's Never Too Early, Employment Initiative



Human Development Institute This project will update and provide training on employment using Employment Checklist tools and related resources (available at <https://hdi.uky.edu/employment-checklists>). The updated resources will be the central element of trainings offered to families and child care providers around the state, including Visually Impaired Preschool Services in Jefferson County, Memorial Childcare in Pulaski County, and Easterseals Redwood in northern Kentucky. A powerful component of this effort is the committed partnership of Child Care Aware Kentucky which provides support and learning opportunities for roughly 1,650 licensed child care providers across the state. This provides an immediate and trusted training entity to help us amplify the work statewide.

Our Partners

Blind Services with OVR
 Department for Aging & Independent Living
 Department for Medicaid Services
 Department of Education
 Department of Public Health
 HB 144 Commission
 Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky
 IDD Technical Assistance Committee
 Independence Seekers
 Kentucky Advisory Council on Autism
 Kentucky Appalachian Rural Rehabilitation Network
 Kentucky Assistive Technology Network
 Kentucky Center for Economic Policy
 Kentucky Protection and Advocacy
 Kentucky Voices for Health
 Kentucky Works
 KY Special Parent Involvement Network
 Mattingly Edge
 National Federation of the Blind Kentucky
 Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
 Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky
 Starfire Council
 State Independent Living Council



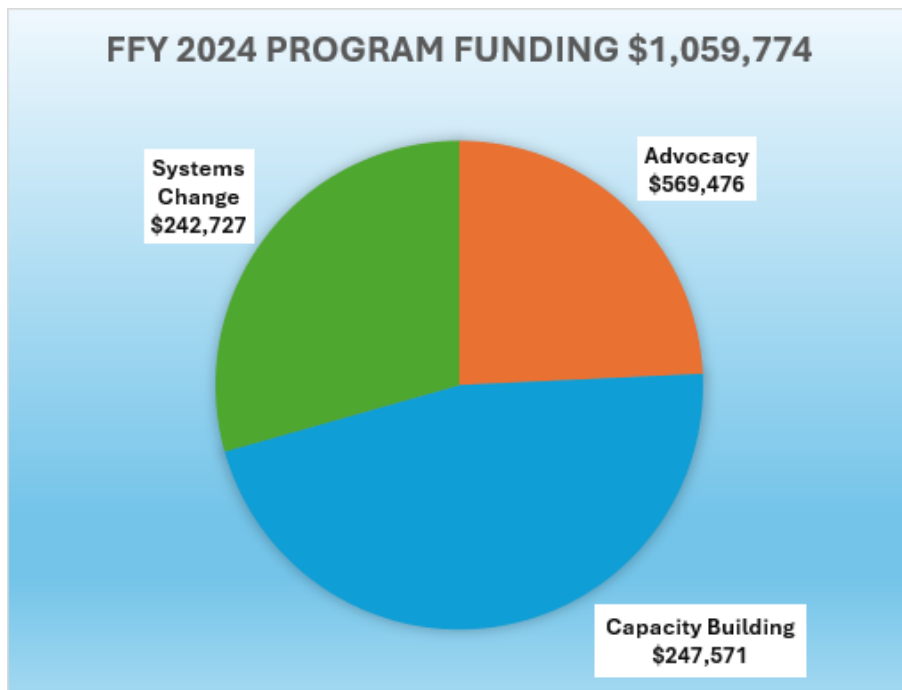
Kentucky's DD Network Meeting 2024

Our Financials

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. and objectives of the plan.

The chart below 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 prohibits the use of these funds for direct services to individuals with developmental disabilities.



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