



COMMONWEALTH COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

5 YEAR PLAN

Goal #1: Individual and Family Advocacy

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

Expected Goal Outcome

More individuals with DD and their family will be actively engaged in advocacy activities and leadership coalitions. At least one statewide self-advocacy organization led by individuals with developmental disabilities will support the advocacy efforts of individuals and their families.

Objectives

- **Objective 1.** By 2026, the Council will establish or strengthen a program for the direct funding of a state self-advocacy organization led by people with DD.
- **Objective 2.** By 2026, Support leadership development for people with DD to lead trainings for people with DD who may become leaders.
- **Objective 3.** By 2026, Support and expand participation of people with DD in cross disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions.
- **Objective 4.** By 2026, Increase participation and outreach of council members and stakeholders to impact and affect legislative issues including ongoing and emergent issues related to the DD population of Kentucky.

Goal #2: Capacity Building – Communities and Systems

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.

Expected Goal Outcome

People with developmental disabilities (DD) will be more involved in their communities and experience less isolation. Communities (including both schools

and employers) will have greater understanding of the contributions individuals with DD make and offer more equitable opportunities to individuals with DD. More individuals with DD will earn income and achieve greater financial identity.

Objectives

- **Objective 1.** By 2026, the Council will research, identify, and begin implementation methods to increase opportunities for people with DD to form relationships beyond family and paid staff.
- **Objective 2.** By 2026, the Council will increase knowledge of competitive, integrated employment for people with DD.
- **Objective 3.** By 2026, the Council will identify and increase education and training about access to affordable, accessible, and integrated housing through the analysis and modification of public policies, budget actions and/or practices.

Goal #3: Systems Change - DD Services and Supports

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.

Expected Goal Outcome

More people with developmental disabilities (DD), including those who are medically-fragile, will have supports needed to live and thrive in their communities. Policy makers will demonstrate increased support for policies that expand opportunities for people with DD to live and work in their communities, rather than in segregated or isolated settings.

Objectives

- **Objective 1.** By 2026, Council will identify and improve up to 3 systems that provide services and supports for people who are in rural Kentucky.
- **Objective 2.** By 2026, Council will identify and support up to 2 systems that support people with DD to access and participate fully in their communities.