

South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council

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2021-2022 Grant Summaries

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Grantee Name			
<u>Employment</u>			
<i>ACCESS: Advancing Capacity and Collaboration for Employment Support Services</i> [3] Able South Carolina	\$39,325.00	Statewide	Able-SC partners with Charles Lea Center, Thrive Upstate, national technical assistance partners, employers, and state agencies to explore the barriers in the current employment service delivery system and build provider capacity through the creation of a comprehensive, sustainable training structure for employment service providers and the development of a pilot program that will inform service delivery and future provider transformation initiatives in SC.
<i>Model for Employment Training Advancement</i> [3] Center for Disability Resources, University of South Carolina	\$41,204.00	Statewide	The USC Center for Disability Resources in partnership with the Transition Alliance of South Carolina will create a cross-agency curriculum for professionals to increase their skills in school-to-work transition. The primary goal of trainings is to develop professional skills for leading career discovery with individuals with significant disabilities. Trainings will be produced online and piloted with established interagency transition teams across the state.
<i>Making Change II</i> [3] SOS Care, Inc.	\$38,522.00	Horry, Georgetown, Charleston, Florence, Richland, Greenville, & Spartanburg	SOS Care, Inc., a qualified employment services provider for DDSN, partners with Griffin-Hammis Associates to provide the Association of Community Rehabilitation Educators (ACRE) credential to professionals in South Carolina. Professionals will increase their skills in helping individuals with significant disabilities create microenterprises, small businesses, and explore entrepreneurship.

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<u>Community Supports</u>			
<i>Building Advocacy in Transition Systems [1]</i> Able SC	\$34,101.00	Statewide	The program focuses on equipping educators and medical professionals to prepare youth with disabilities and their parents for what happens when youth exit high school and their pediatric healthcare provider. Tools and education will create teacher and physician advocates to ensure individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have opportunities for independence and full inclusion in their communities.
<i>Removing Barrier to Dental Health (1)</i> Community Options, Inc.	\$60,000.00	Columbia, Greenville and Summerville	This program will produce and disseminate a modeling video that will address fear and anxiety related to visiting the dentist for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
Walking Club [1] SOS Care Inc.	\$7,702.50	Horry	This program will enable individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities across coastal South Carolina to develop more active lifestyles to make improvements to their general. This is an inclusive community-based walking program.
<i>Increasing the Efficacy of Person-Centered Discovery for Language-Challenged Individuals with ASD [3]</i> Project HOPE Foundation	\$33,396.00	Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson, & Laurens	Project HOPE Foundation will implement activities to acquire person-centered discovery strategies for individuals with Autism. The project explores options for making person-centered discovery more applicable by implementing behavioral strategies and increasing an individual's ability to communicate using self-advocacy language.
<i>Life Skills Club of Conway [2]</i> SOS Care, Inc.	\$39,000.00	Horry	The project supports individuals with Autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities to fully access the community and has a focus on Individual Life Planning that includes goals for health, self-determination, and improved employment opportunities.

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<p><i>STRIVE [2]</i></p> <p>Arc of the Midlands</p>	<p>\$49,054.00</p>	<p>Greenville, Lexington, Richland</p>	<p>The program is dedicated to expanding independent living skills and community connections for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The goal of the program is to work with participants of a customized period-of-time to expand their abilities to live a more independent life. The program will be developed and implemented by a collaborative multi-service provider group consisting of SOS Care, Thrive Upstate, The Arc of the Midlands and UCP. Project staff will complete customized life quality coaching certification training via TERi, Inc.</p>
<p><i>York CAN [2]</i></p> <p>Adult Enrichment Centers</p>	<p>\$40,899.00</p>	<p>York</p>	<p>The program will improve the business and workforce systems environment for people with intellectual and other disabilities through the launch of York CAN. This will lead to capacity building and systems level change in York County, SC that results in improved access and inclusion for individuals with disabilities. The project will begin positioning access and workforce inclusion as a high-level primary community value that results in community experience for all people where inclusion is the baseline expectation and norm.</p>

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<u>Self-Advocacy</u>			
<i>Youth Leadership Forum</i> [Ongoing] Able-SC	\$50,000	Statewide	The program is an established, evidence-based summer program for youth with disabilities who are still in high school or just graduated. The objectives are to build or strengthen participants' self-advocacy skills, self-confidence, and leadership skills for the purpose of remaining in school, graduating, obtaining post-secondary education and obtaining employment that meets each individual's maximum potential.
<i>IMPACT-SC</i> [Ongoing] Center for Disability Resources	\$41,447	Statewide	IMPACT-SC is the statewide self-advocacy council for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. IMPACT-SC's purpose is to increase awareness of self-advocacy among adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Activities include training opportunities, exhibiting, presenting and attending national conferences. The council also maintains a statewide newsletter and website.
<i>Equip: Self-Advocacy & Leadership in Young Adults</i> [Ongoing] Able-SC	\$74,938.00	Statewide	EQUIP is a Young Adult Leadership program focused on empowering young adults with disabilities ages 14-25 by showing them the skills necessary to build self-confidence, set and accomplish goals and become community activists. EQUIP is unique in its approach because its leaders are also young adults with disabilities who can directly relate to the group.
<i>Let's Talk</i> [Ongoing] Arc of the Midlands	\$32,181.60	Richland, Lexington, Sumter, Newberry, Fairfield, York, & Greenville	A self-advocacy program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to focus on self-development, making choices, taking leadership roles, and achieving dreams. Participants will develop community-based projects that allow them to practice expressing themselves in public settings. The acquisition of self-advocacy skills will focus on obtaining a job and accessing community-based resources.