

# SOUTH CAROLINA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE POLICY AND PROGRAMS  
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**MISSION:** *The mission of the South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council is to provide leadership in planning, funding, and implementing initiatives that lead to improved quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and their families through advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change.*

### SOUTH CAROLINA PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2018:

#### COMMUNITY SUPPORTS, EMPLOYMENT, SELF-ADVOCACY

**COMMUNITY SUPPORTS** People with intellectual and developmental disabilities have access to their own choice of formal and informal community-based services, supports, resources, and activities throughout their lifetime.

**Objective 1:** Support at least two programs that provide people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families' information about their rights, services, and supports.

- **Family Connection – Free to Be Me**
- **Able South Carolina – SC Supported Decision-Making Project**
- **Greenville Health System – SC Medical Legal Partnership**
- **Brain Injury Association – SC Visibility Project**

**Objective 2:** Support at least two programs that provide people with intellectual and developmental disabilities opportunities to improve community integration, inclusion, and productivity.

- **Babcock Center – Go Do Life**
- **Arc of South Carolina – Everyday Living**
- **York Adult Enrichment Center – Prevocational Readiness Project**

**Objective 3:** Support at least one program that addresses an emerging health issue for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities using evidence-based practices and interventions.

- **SOS Health Care, Inc. – Fit for Life**
- **Medical University of South Carolina – Piece It Together**
- **Upstate Affiliate Organization dba Greenville Health System – Nurturing Developing Minds**
- **Francis Marion University – Enhanced Nursing Education for Patients Living with Developmental Disabilities**

**Objective 4:** Support at least one program that includes an organization serving South Carolina's Latino/Hispanic community and improves access to community-based services, supports, resources, and activities.

- **Family Connection of South Carolina – Latinos Making Connections**
  - ❖ **1,622 Received advocacy training**
  - ❖ **7 Board Positions**
  - ❖ **47 Evidence Based Practices**
  - ❖ **49 Policy Changes**

**EMPLOYMENT** People with intellectual and developmental disabilities have access to competitive, community-based career opportunities throughout their lifetime.

**Objective 1:** Support programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that improve access to integrated workforce development systems.

- Arc of the Midlands – The Arc @ Work
- District 5 Lexington-Richland Counties – District Five Transition Services Assessment
- Able South Carolina – R.I.S.E. (Rallying for Inclusive, Successful Employment)
- University of South Carolina Department of Educational Studies - Project Connect
- Thrive Upstate – Employment Barrier Removal Project

**Objective 2:** Support programs that empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to develop and direct their own career strategy using appropriate evidence-based and best practice methods.

- Project Hope – HOPE GED Program
- Oconee County School District – Transition Student Employment Program
- Arc of the Midlands - Project SEARCH SC Statewide Strategy
- Arc of the Midlands – Student Success Jobs Program
- Charleston County School District – Recipe for Success

- ❖ 416 Received advocacy training
- ❖ 11 Board Positions
- ❖ 33 Evidence Based Practices
- ❖ 34 Policy Changes

**QUALITY ASSURANCE/SELF-ADVOCACY** People with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families are empowered to effect statewide leadership training opportunities that contribute to active participation in cross disability leadership coalitions and systems change efforts.

**Objective 1:** Support at least one statewide self-advocacy organization led by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to provide opportunities for increasing leadership abilities and to meet self-defined organizational goals.

- Centers for Disability Resources – Impact SC
- EQUIP – Self-Advocacy & Leadership in Young Adults

**Objective 2:** Support opportunities that strengthen leadership abilities in peer-to-peer networks of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

- Able South Carolina – YLF (Youth Leadership Forum)
- Arc of the Midlands – Let’s Talk
- Partners in Policymaking

**Objective 3:** Support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their family members to engage cross-disability, culturally diverse leadership boards, committees, commissions, councils, and similar coalitions.

- Able South Carolina/University of South Carolina Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics – Community Leadership Academy

**Objective 4:** The Developmental Disabilities Council will collaborate with South Carolina’s Center for Disability Resources (UCEDD) and Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities in South Carolina (P&A System) on at least one program that engages system beneficiaries to assess system barriers and influence positive changes in service delivery, policies, interventions, and strategies.

➤ **Center for Disability Resources, University of South Carolina – Intelligent Lives Screening**

- ❖ **461 Received advocacy training**
- ❖ **91 Board Positions**
- ❖ **10 Evidence Based Practices**
- ❖ **7 Policy Changes**

## ***SOUTH CAROLINA DEVELOPMENTAL DI SABILITIES COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON***

### **Frank Bentley, Chairperson**

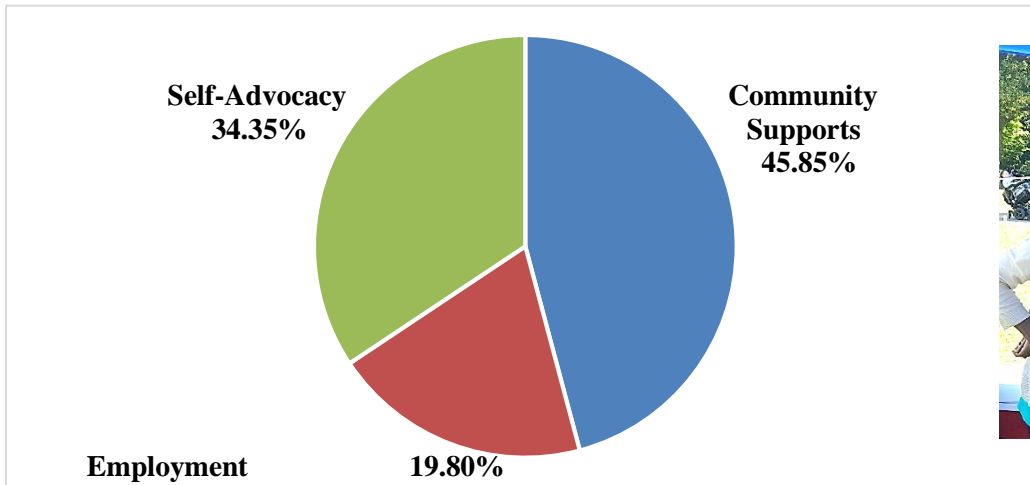


Each year I am amazed to see the progress the DD Council makes towards fulfilling the state plan goals. As information is shared through workshops, conferences and seminars, self-advocates, parents, care-givers and disability workers become more passionate regarding advocating for the needs of people with disabilities.

The stories of improved mobility, greater interaction, more inclusion, being a part of programs and community events and working with legislators to improve access and information continue to be reasons I personally serve on the DD Council. As the Chairperson, I am honored to serve with people who display so much passion. The daily struggles overcome by self-advocates inspires the DD Council to continue to sponsor programs designed to enhance the lives of people with disabilities and their families throughout the state. These programs are aiding self-advocates and their families to become stronger and gain more independence. A special “Thank you” to every grantee as they continue to strive for excellence and push the boundaries for people with developmental disabilities. As we continue in our

efforts, I also want to thank those professional individuals, agencies and organizations who push to find evidence-based programming geared to produce results. These efforts make it easier for the DD Council to make decisions and continue to produce positive results statewide. Thank you to each and every one who makes this job so easy!

## 2017-2018 DD Council Allocation of Resources



## *Executive Director, Valarie Bishop*



### Message from the Executive Director

2018 was another exciting year of working with our grantees, collaboration partners and stakeholders. We continue to stretch boundaries and make change alongside individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families.

Our collaborations allow us to be a force for positive systems change and enhanced advocacy for our state. I am proud of the leadership programs we support that give individuals and family members a public voice, promote pride and empowerment and distribute vital information and resources. I am energized by our work with many of our community partners to develop creative and effective strategies to best support people with intellectual

disabilities/ developmental disabilities and their families.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who has contributed to our success and look forward to continuing to grow partnerships and build on the foundations of our work together.

**DD Council Staff pictured with Dan Habib** (end)



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