

South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council

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FIVE YEAR STATE PLAN

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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.

Goal 1: Employment

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities will receive the necessary employment services and supports to become employed in an integrated setting.

Objective

1. Support programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that promote access to integrated workforce development systems.
2. Support programs that empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to develop self-determination and direct their own career strategy using appropriate evidence-based and best practice methods.
3. The Developmental Disabilities Council will collaborate with the Center for Disability Resources (UCEDD) and Disability Rights South Carolina (P & A) to reduce employment barriers for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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Goal 2: Community Supports

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities will have increased access to be fully included in the community of their choice.

Objective

1. Support at least two programs that provide people with intellectual and developmental disabilities opportunities to improve community integration, inclusion, and self-determination.
2. Support at least one program that addresses an emerging health issue for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, families, and service providers using evidence-based practices and interventions.
3. Support the development of relationships that improve Latino/Hispanic families with children with intellectual and developmental disabilities having access to needed services and supports.
4. Support education of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in housing resources.
5. Support increased flexibility of transportation options so people with intellectual and developmental disabilities can participate in community events.

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Goal 3: Self Advocacy

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families will have opportunities to increase their advocacy skills.

Objective

1. Provide support to strengthen a statewide self- advocacy organization led by and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
2. Support opportunities that strengthen leadership abilities in peer-to-peer networks of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, and their service providers.
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.