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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.



Doris Allen and her daughter Courtney attend the Transition Conference put on by Able SC, Protection and Advocacy and the DD Council.



PURPOSE

The South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council was established in 1971 by Executive Order of the Governor and was reauthorized in 2010. The council is comprised of members appointed by the Governor. The Council consists of individual advocates, relatives, service providers and state and local agency representatives.

The council is federally funded under the Developmental Disabilities Act. Activities focus on consumer-family centered systems. This comprehensive system includes individualized support, community services and other forms of assistance which promotes self-determination. The implementation of these services and initiatives lead to improved quality of life for persons with disabilities and their families; helping them to feel and become an integral part of their surrounding community.

“A Word from the Chair”



Amy Davenport, Developmental Disabilities Council Chairperson

A special thanks to everyone for working so diligently this past year. 2013 proved to have a number of success stories. The DD Council focused attention on editing and clarifying policies and procedures. While the basic principles and core concepts remain the same; areas were strengthened to minimize uncertainty and enhance Council value. We expounded on the State Plan Goals; tying in the how's and why's of requirements for grant proposals.

The Council also redefined roles within the council; ensuring everyone understood their purpose and to encourage greater dialogue among members. Guaranteeing greater definition, more vocal responses and giving a definitive voice to all aspects of Developmental Disabilities.

The Council recruited new members statewide to ensure balanced representation throughout South Carolina and to secure a stronger voice in advocacy.

The year has been productive and we continue to strive to improve the quality of life for people with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities and their families.

VALUES STATEMENT

The South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council believes:

- Families are the foundation of our society
- An individual with developmental disabilities may provide additional challenges in the family.
- A coordinated system of support is critical to the individual, family members and community to foster independence, productivity and inclusion into the community setting.
- Individuals and family members should be actively involved in the decision making process for supports and services.

Mapping Your Future Transition Conference



Angela Deese, Dori Tempio and Casper greet conference goers with enthusiasm.

South Carolina focuses on four priority areas; **Community Supports, Employment, Health and Quality Assurance/Self-Advocacy**. Each area addresses specific needs as outlined in the Developmental Disabilities Council State Plan. The plan is developed by the DD Council and grants are funded based on specified criteria.

Community Supports: Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities will have increased participation and choices about their community based services and supports.

Objective 1: Will provide funding and/or resources to improve access to information for people with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities and their families about services, supports, and their rights.

➤ **Family Connection - Wait List Support**

Objective 2: Will support at least one innovative project that improves socialization skills leading to greater community participation for children and/or adults with severe disabilities.

➤ **Project Hope – Extended Hope**

Objective 3: Will support a minimum of one emerging issue that will result in an increase in people with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities being active participants in the communities of their choice.

➤ **Arc of South Carolina – Arc Works**

- ❖ **2,150** Received advocacy training
- ❖ **824** System Advocates
- ❖ **92** Other organizations involved
- ❖ **60** Policy changes/creations/improvements
- ❖ **2,259** General public reached



Youth Stakeholders Partnership Training

Employment: People with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities are given the education/training, knowledge, experience, accommodations and supports they need to achieve meaningful community- based employment

Objective 1: Will promote programs that facilitate the acquisition of academic training, interpersonal skills and work experience for high school students with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities to enable success in long-term employment.

➤ **Center for Disability Resources – University of South Carolina School of Medicine – SC Team**

Objective 2: Will support initiatives that provide enhanced employment opportunities for students with severe disabilities.

- **York One – Students and Job Coaches**
- **Project Hope – Virtual Hope**
- **Community Options – STEP for SC**

Objective 3: Will increase knowledge of self-advocates about the principles of self-determination and employment opportunities of individuals with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities.

- **Partner for Transitions Conference, Able SC & P & A – Mapping Your Future**

Objective 4: Will create a minimum of 1 position statement and policy recommendations that will support successful employment outcomes for people with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities.

- ❖ **1042** Received advocacy training
- ❖ **319** System advocates
- ❖ **38** Other organizations involved
- ❖ **22** Policy changes/creations/improvements
- ❖ **230** General public reached

Health: The South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council will collaborate with partners and community providers to increase activities to promote the improved health and well-being of people with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities in South Carolina.

Objective 1: Will support a minimum of 5 existing or new programs and/or services that include evidence based approaches to wellness promotion and prevention of secondary conditions.

- **Lander – Equestrian Assisted Activities**
- **Therapy Place – Bridges**
- **Pro Parents – Take Control**
- **Arc – Walk This Way**
- **Babcock Center – Everybody Talks**
- **Bamberg Co. DSN – PBEE**
- **Laurens Co. DSN – Healthy Lifestyles**



Betsy Valnes, Executive Director of NYLN speaks to participants at the Youth Leadership forum.

Objective 2: Will educate coaches, athletic professionals, school nurses, parents and athletes in a minimum of 40 school districts and 23 recreation departments on the importance of reducing the incidence of sports related brain injury among youth.

- **BIA- Heads UpSC**
- **BIA – Special Grant**

Objective 3: Will support increased capacity for autism screening and diagnostic evaluations.

- **USC Dept. of Psychology – Autism**

Objective 4: Will inform the public about the availability of accessible recreation, prevention, wellness and exercise opportunities.

- **Page on DDC Website – resources will continue to be added and updated.**

Objective 5: Will support a minimum of 1 technical school/program to incorporate course content and/or courses on health and disability into their health sciences department(s) for professionals and paraprofessionals and provide associated activities.

➤ **USC Grant ended 06/30/2013 Courses developed and distributed.**

- ❖ **4182** Received advocacy training
- ❖ **1771** System advocates
- ❖ **186** Other organizations involved
- ❖ **465** Policy changes/creations/improvements
- ❖ **7595** General public reached

Quality Assurance/Self-Advocacy: The South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council will partner with self-advocates strengthening advocacy statewide, providing leadership training to individuals with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities and increasing participation in cross-disability and leadership coalitions.

Objective 1: Will support a statewide self-advocacy organization to assist in strengthening and meeting defined organizational goals.

➤ **Center for Disability Resources – Impact SC**

Objective 2: Will support at least 150 self-advocates in leadership training opportunities.

- **Pro Parents – PIP (Partners in Policy-making)**
- **Pro Parents – YLF (Youth Leadership Forum)**

Objective 3: Will identify and implement replicable strategies in at least 2 school districts/areas which support the development of self-advocacy skills for youth with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities.

➤ **National Youth Leadership Network – Self Advocacy – Power In Numbers**

- ❖ **422** Received advocacy training
- ❖ **155** System advocates
- ❖ **38** Other organizations involved
- ❖ **15** Policy changes/creations/improvements
- ❖ **742** General public reached

2012-2013 EXPENDITURES

Community Supports	\$ 164,626.00 = 19.76%
Employment	\$ 302,098.00 = 36.35%
Health	\$ 295,098.00 = 35.51%
Self-Advocacy	\$ 69,600.00 = 8.38%
Total	\$ 831,058.00 = 100.00%



To The Citizens of the Great State of South Carolina:



The 2013 South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council (SCDDC) Annual Report highlights its 2013 projects and priorities. SCDDC remains focused in its commitment to improving the lives of South Carolinians with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

SCDDC focuses on diverse projects that will help us improve outcomes as identified in our State Plan Goals and Objectives. Our priority areas are: Community Supports, Employment, Health and Self-Advocacy. Projects are developed in direct response to the concerns and needs voiced by consumers, families, service providers, policy-makers, and others.

Members of the SCDDC work together with a shared passion, using our diverse knowledge, experiences and background, while always focusing on our plan, mission, and goals. Our members embrace the challenge of helping to shape a better future for South Carolinians with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Best regards,

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