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2017 ANNUAL REPORT

COMMONWEALTH COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

THANK YOU

**FROM THE CHAIRPERSON
& EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Federal Fiscal Year 2016-2017 began with the implementation of a new Five Year State Plan. Council members worked diligently to develop goals and objectives that would enhance services and supports for Kentuckians with developmental disabilities. While a new plan began the mission of the Council remained the same, to help create systemic change in Kentucky that empowers people to achieve full citizenship and inclusion within our community through education, capacity building and advocacy.

The program year ended with saying hello to new leadership within Council executive officers and new staff at the CCDD offices. Many old friends who dedicated their time and hard work to the Council moved to different ventures while new Council appointees began service. A few new state agency representatives were assigned to fill big shoes left by their predecessors.

While reflecting on 2016 and 2017, the challenge of change was faced with boldness creating a new drive to work toward making a change in the Commonwealth. Several new partners were gained in projects such as Kentucky STABLE accounts and Community of Sharing. The Council is immensely proud of all the self-advocates and family members who have taught so many others that disability rights are human rights.

Please continue to follow the work of the CCDD in to the next coming years and read on to learn about activities and accomplishments for federal fiscal year 2016-2017.

Lela Hale & Kellie McCain

Chairperson & Executive Director

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THE CCDD'S MISSION STATEMENT

“ To create systematic change in Kentucky that empowers individuals to achieve full citizenship and inclusion in the community through education, capacity building and advocacy. **”**



MEET THE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Appointed by Governors in every state and territory, DD Councils consist of people with developmental disabilities, their family members, disability advocates, and state agency representatives. For over half a century, as mandated by the DD Act, DD Councils have worked with policy-makers and community partners to achieve real changes that promote the self-determination, independence, economic self-sufficiency, productivity, integration and inclusion of people with DD. Because of the DD Act and DD Councils, people with developmental disabilities live work, and thrive in the community as productive and equal members of society.

Our Council is composed of twenty-six members. Sixteen members are self advocates with developmental disabilities or the parents/guardians of self advocates who are appointed by the Governor to represent individuals and families, as required by the DD Act. The other 10 are representatives of the principal state agencies who administer funding for the education and rehabilitation of those with developmental disabilities.



MEMBERSHIP:

SELF ADVOCATE
 SELF ADVOCATE
 FAMILY MEMBER
 FAMILY MEMBER
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 FAMILY MEMBER
 FAMILY MEMBER
 FAMILY MEMBER
 FAMILY MEMBER
 FAMILY MEMBER
 NON-PROFIT REPRESENTATIVE
 SELF ADVOCATE
 SELF ADVOCATE
 SELF ADVOCATE
 SELF ADVOCATE
 FAMILY MEMBER
 FAMILY MEMBER
 FAMILY MEMBER
 SELF ADVOCATE

NAME:

JOE COWAN
 DAVID DESANTIS
 LEIGH ANN EDWARDS
 SONDRA GILBERT
 LELA HALE
 ROXANNE HOLBROOK
 KEITH HOSEY
 LINDSEY JONES
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 DINA NELSON
 COLLEEN PAYNE
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 NORB RYAN
 BRIAN SAMUELS
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MELISSA HARDISON, JAN BRIGHT

OFFICE OF THE BLIND:

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CLAUDIA JOHNSON

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE:

HAROLD KLEINERT, ELAINE EISENBAUM

EDUCATION:

ROBIN LINTON

PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY:

CAMILLE COLLINS

DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING:

JENNIFER DUDINSKIE

THE COUNCIL AT A GLANCE

IT'S WHAT WE ARE HERE FOR

To help serve their communities, Council members develop a Five Year State Plan that addresses the needs of Kentuckians with developmental disabilities. The plan is implemented by working with different groups in many ways, including educating communities for disability awareness and designing projects that are innovative and sustainable. The Council uses a comprehensive needs assessment to identify areas for goal development. Federal fiscal year 2017 began in October 2016 with the start of a new Five Year State Plan. The Council identified three overarching goals with objectives to achieve their target ideas.

Councils on Developmental Disabilities (DD Councils) are catalysts that create effective solutions and fulfill the mandate of the Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act) to improve service systems with and for people with developmental disabilities (DD).

OUR COLLABORATORS GLANCE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP

UK HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
KY PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY
UK MARTIN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AND PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
THE ARC OF KENTUCKY
KENTUCKY OFFICE OF THE TREASURY
KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH,
DEVELOPMENTAL AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES
874K COALITION
DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID
KY SPECIAL PARENT INVOLVEMENT NETWORK
OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
BUILD INCLUSION
SCOTT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

COALITION FOR WORKFORCE DIVERSITY
SOUTHEAST ADA CENTER
CENTER FOR NON PROFIT EXCELLENCY,
LOUISVILLE
KY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND INDEPENDENT
LIVING
KY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
CLOSE UP FOUNDATION
KENTUCKY ADVOCACY ACTION NETWORK
LEXINGTON FAMILY MAGAZINE

FIVE YEAR PLAN GLANCE

THE DD ACT REQUIRES STATE COUNCIL TO FOCUS ON:

Advocacy - active support of policies & practices that promote systems change efforts & other activities that further advance self-determination & inclusion in all aspects of community living

Capacity Building - activities that expand and/or improve the ability of individuals with DD, families, supports, services and/or systems to promote, support & enhance self-determination, independence, productivity and inclusion in community life

Systemic Change - a sustainable, transferable and replicable change in some aspect of service or support availability, design or delivery that promotes positive or meaningful outcomes for individuals with DD & their families.

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CCDD's targeted areas of emphasis for 2017 were Quality Assurance, Health, Employment and Housing, Education Formal and Informal Community Supports. We partnered with P&A and with the KY State Treasurer to increase knowledge about and participation in the ABLE Account program. We participated in the Medicaid waiver re-design meetings. We continued to support the Health Partners program in conjunction with our UCEDD and HDI. Business leaders, elected officials and community representatives meet monthly to discuss the benefits of hiring people with disabilities. We partnered with the Martin School of Research at the University of Kentucky to learn about some best practices in other states in relation to housing for people with DD.

Significant accomplishments in this year include the development of curriculum for the Health Partners program that is being utilized in a number of other states; increasing the CCDD's magazine issues from once yearly to twice yearly, thus increasing the Council's outreach; increased self-advocacy for a number of people with disabilities; increased lasting relationships for people in rural Kentucky through the Community of Sharing project; increased lasting relationships for kids in middle and high schools through the Peer Support program. In FFY 2017, the CCDD added in to the Five Year Plan an objective under the advocacy goal to increase advocacy skills of Hispanic families of children with DD.

GOAL ONE:

ADVOCACY

BY 2021, INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DD) AND FAMILY MEMBERS WILL INCREASE THEIR ADVOCACY SKILLS.

Objective 1 (Advocacy):

By 2021, the Council will establish or strengthen a state self-advocacy organization coordinated with and led by individuals with DD.

Objective 2 (Training & Mentoring):

By 2021, the Council will create training opportunities for individuals with DD and their families; and, in collaboration with DD Network Partners (UCEDD/HDI and P&A), increase leadership training and mentoring for individuals with DD who may become leaders by individuals with DD who are leaders.

Objective 3 (Leadership Coalitions):

By 2021, the Council will increase training and supports provided to individuals with DD so that at least 5 individuals with DD will effectively participate in cross-disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions.

Project Activities:

- Collaboratively coordinate the annual 874K Coalition Advocacy Event, including training for self-advocates.
- Continue funding Health Partners, through which leaders with DD train other individuals with DD and their chosen health partners to improve health outcomes and develop health advocacy leadership skills.
- Continue providing scholarships for young people with DD to participate in Close Up Training.
- Continue producing Exceptional Family Kentucky magazine as an outreach and training resource for individuals with DD and others, printed in english and spanish.
- Collaborate with DD Network Partners to develop training regarding self-advocacy and leadership.



GOAL TWO:

CAPACITY BUILDING

BY 2021, THE CAPACITY OF COMMUNITIES AND SYSTEMS TO INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS WITH DD WILL BE INCREASED SO THAT PEOPLE WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREATER INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRATION.

Objective 1 (Communities & Schools):

By 2021, the Council will increase the capacity of communities and educational systems to increase opportunities for people with DD to form relationships beyond family and paid staff.

Objective 2 (Employment):

By 2021, the Council will increase competitive, integrated employment for individuals with DD.

Objective 3 (Housing):

By 2021, the Council will increase the supply of affordable, accessible, and integrated housing through the analysis and modification of public policies, budget actions and/or practices.

Project Activities:

- Continue funding Kentucky Peer Support Network Project to build the capacity of educational systems by training educators to promote relationship-building between students with and without disabilities.
- Continue funding Community of Sharing Project to build communities' capacities to support opportunities for people with and without disabilities to form relationships by training community members to use Asset Based Community Development strategies to engage other community members.
- Continue funding the Work Opportunities in Rural Kentucky (WORK) project through which Asset Based Community Development strategies are used to build collaborations to expand competitive, integrated employment and educate communities about the impact of employment on benefits.
- Educate policy makers, employers, and other stakeholders about barriers to and strategies for increasing competitive, integrated employment for individuals with DD.



GOAL THREE: SYSTEMS CHANGE

BY 2021, SYSTEMS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DD WILL BE IMPROVED SO THAT PEOPLE WITH DD AND THEIR FAMILIES CAN LIVE AND THRIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

Objective 1 (Information Systems):

By 2021, the Council will improve up to 3 systems that provide information about resources and services so that people with DD and their families can have greater access to information.

Objective 2 (Medically-Fragile):

By 2021, the Council will improve systems that provide services and supports for individuals who are medically fragile so they have more equitable access to community-based supports and services.

Objective 3 (Long-Term Community Supports & Services):

By 2021, the Council will improve long-term community supports for individuals with DD provided in integrated community settings.

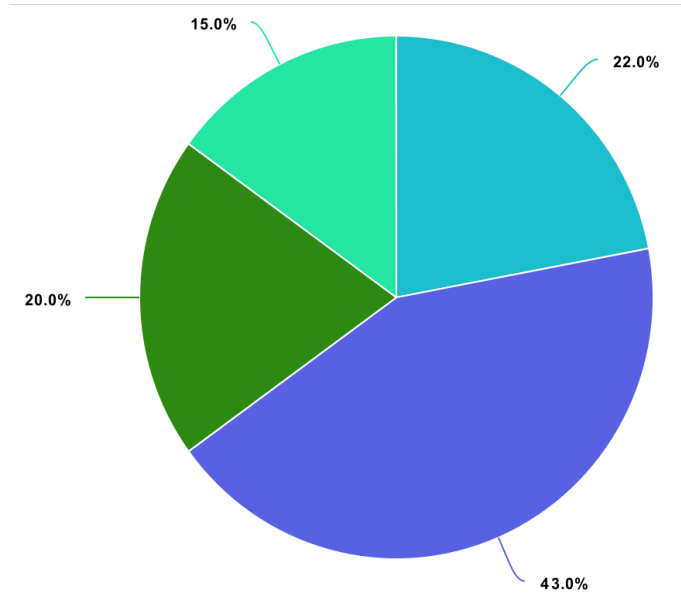
Project Activities:

- Provide funding for at least 1 disability-related information & referral system to develop resources and provide training regarding newly-created ABLE accounts available to Kentuckians.
- Support the development of Kentucky’s Community of Practice on Supporting Families Across the Lifespan through the leadership, participation and funding for related technical assistance and training.



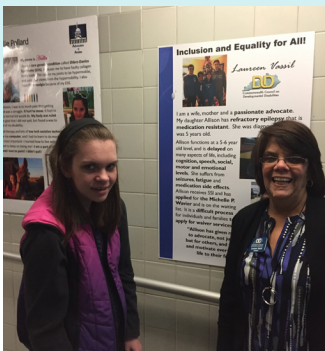
CCDD'S 2017 PROJECT BUDGET

- GOAL 1: ADVOCACY:**
\$141,076.04
 - GOAL 2: BUILDING CAPACITY**
\$275,001.88
 - GOAL 3: SYSTEMS CHANGE**
\$128,848.43
 - ADMINISTRATIVE & IN-HOUSE**
\$92,308.82
- TOTAL: \$637,235.17**



The CCDD receives a federal formula grant from the Administration on Community Living under Title I, Subtitle B of Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000. All funds are subject to the requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principle and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards under 45 CFR Part 75.

CCDD funds are used primarily for two purposes: (1) planning and (2) implementation of innovative strategies to address the needs of Kentuckians with developmental disabilities. Funds invested in meetings are part of the planning process, which is one of the Council’s primary purposes. Please note that funds used to finance the Council meetings are 100% Federal Funds. If they are not used to finance the Council meetings, they can only be used to implement other Council projects. Federal law expressly prohibits the use of these funds for direct services to individuals with developmental disabilities.



**WE HAVE SINCERE
APPRECIATION FOR OUR DD
NETWORK AGENCIES, AS WELL
AS ALL OF OUR PARTNERS
AND LOCAL COLLABORATORS!
THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR!**

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