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What

Does the NMDDPC Do?

Every state and territory has a DD Council.

Council members and a small staff work on ways to improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

DDPCs advocate with and for people with developmental disabilities and their families by:

- ◆ Speaking out on issues affecting people with developmental disabilities and their families
- ◆ Advising and educating the Governor, legislature, State agencies and service providers about the needs of people with developmental disabilities and their families
- ◆ Developing a 5 year plan for Council activities
- ◆ Reviewing State Plans of other agencies that affect people with developmental disabilities
- ◆ Funding a variety of small grant projects to increase our understanding and capacity to improve the quality of life of people with developmental disabilities

What Else

Does the NMDDPC Do?

State Funded Programs also operating under the DDPC:

The Brain Injury Advisory Council

Advocates for the development of a statewide system of comprehensive, community-based resources that maximize the personal choices and functional independence of persons with brain injuries and promotes prevention of brain injuries.

Elizabeth Peterson, Coordinator (505) 476-7328

The Office of Guardianship

Office of Guardianship administers a statewide, publicly funded guardianship services program for guardians of last resort to incapacitated income and resource eligible adults. The court-appointed guardians are provided when the person's health or safety is at risk, no family member is available to serve as the individual's guardian, and the individual does not have resources for a paid guardian. Services include legal services for guardianship court proceedings.

Frank Fajardo, Program Director (505) 476-7332

The NMDDPC is committed to supporting a consumer-driven service delivery system that improves the independence, productivity and integration of people with developmental disabilities in all aspects of life and community

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Council Members

As of January 2010

Advocates:

Colin Holmes, Santa Fe
Katie A. Klauschie, Albuquerque
Andrea N. MacRae, Chaparral
JudyAnn Sena, Las Vegas
Sandra Skaar, Albuquerque
Antonio Garcia, Las Vegas

Parents/Guardians:

Vicki Galindo, Silver City
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Nadine C. Maes, Rio Rancho
Althea McLuckie, San Cristobal
Angelique Thompson, Vice-Chair,
Albuquerque
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Phillis Shingle, Albuquerque
Rose Mary Silversmith, Crownpoint
Margaret Humble, Baird

Additional Stakeholders:

Christina Stick, Dept. of Indian Affairs
Dr. James Alarid, NMHU, Las Vegas, NM
Mikki Rogers, Dept. of Health
Nancy Treat, Children Youth & Families Dept
Kathleen B. Valdez, Human Services Dept.
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Tanya Baker-McCue, Center for Development
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Denise McGhee, M.Ed., Rio Rancho, NM
Tony Louderbough, MPA, LMSW, Aging &
Long Term Services Division
Richard Jiron, Division of Vocational
Rehabilitation

What are Developmental Disabilities?

Developmental Disabilities are defined by federal law as severe, chronic disabilities that:

- ◆ Are caused by a mental or physical impairment or a combination of the two
- ◆ Are evident before the person is 22 years old
- ◆ Are likely to continue Indefinitely
- ◆ Result in substantial functional limitations in 3 or more of the following major life activities:
 - ◆ Self-care
 - ◆ Receptive and expressive language
 - ◆ Learning
 - ◆ Mobility
 - ◆ Self-direction
 - ◆ Capacity for independent living
 - ◆ Economic self-sufficiency
- ◆ Require individually planned and coordinated supports and assistance of a lifelong or extended duration.

Who are the Members of the NMDDPC?

At least 60% of the members are:

- ◆ Individuals with developmental disabilities
- ◆ Parents or guardians of children with developmental disabilities
- ◆ Immediate relatives or guardians of adults with mentally impairing developmental disabilities who cannot advocate for themselves

Other members include:

- ◆ Representatives of state agencies that administer funds provided under federal law related to people with developmental disabilities
- ◆ Representatives of local and non-governmental agencies and private and nonprofit groups concerned with services for individuals with developmental disabilities

How Can I Help?

- ◆ Get to know your Council members and share your concerns
- ◆ Attend a Council meeting
- ◆ Participate in public forums in your area
- ◆ Talk to your legislators about the issues affecting people with developmental disabilities and their families