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What is DDCO?



A state agency?

A federal agency?

An organization for people with developmental disabilities?

An advocacy organization?

A funding agency?

A service provider?



What is DDCO?



A state entity funded by federal funds provided by the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD).

The mission of the Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma is to lead and advocate for systems change in the field of Developmental Disabilities, leverage collaborations and partnerships toward improved services and supports for Oklahomans with developmental disabilities, and promote positive perceptions and attitudes toward people with developmental disabilities.



DD Act Purpose



...to assure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of and have access to needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion in all facets of community life, through culturally competent programs authorized under this title, including specifically—



DD Act Purpose



TITLE I – PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

- **State Councils on Developmental Disabilities** in each State to engage in advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities
- **Protection and Advocacy Systems** in each State to protect the legal and human rights of individuals with developmental disabilities
- **University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service** to provide interdisciplinary pre-service preparation and continuing education, provide community services, conduct research, and disseminate information
- **Projects of National Significance** to collect necessary data on issues that are relevant to the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities; technical assistance to entities who engage in activities consistent with the purpose of the Act. and other nationally significant activities



DD Act Purpose



TITLE II - FAMILY SUPPORT

TITLE III - PROGRAM FOR DIRECT SUPPORT
WORKERS



The Council

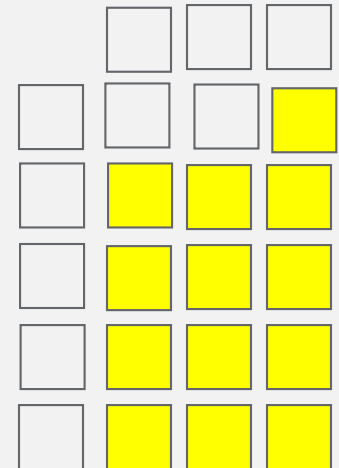


The Governor appoints 23 Council members.
Federal Law states:

AT LEAST 60% of the members must be:

- ▶ adults with developmental disabilities
- OR**
- ▶ Immediate family members of people with developmental disabilities

1 member must live in or must have lived in an institution in the past, or be an immediate family member of the same



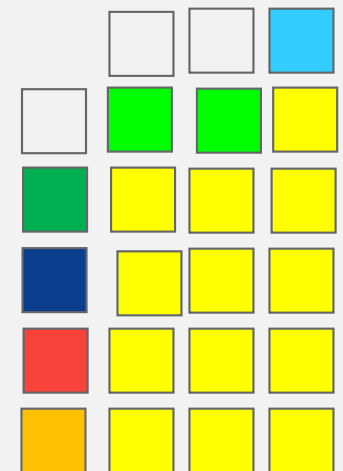
The Council



The Governor appoints 27 members to the Council. Federal law requires members to include agencies that provide or pay for services:

5 members that represent Oklahoma state agencies:

- Health Department/Maternal and Child Health
- Community Living, Aging and Protective Services
- DHS Developmental Disabilities Services
- Department of Rehabilitation Services
- State Department of Ed / Special Education Services



Remaining positions may be filled by other interested advocates



DDCO does...



Data

ideas

Public input

Federal mandates

Best Practices

Values

Council
makes
decisions

State Plan Goals



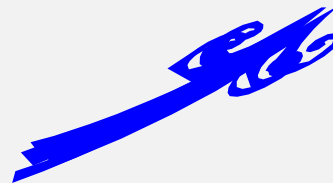
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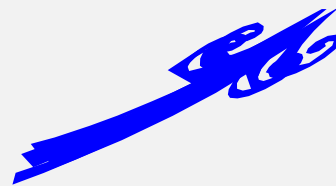
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Funding



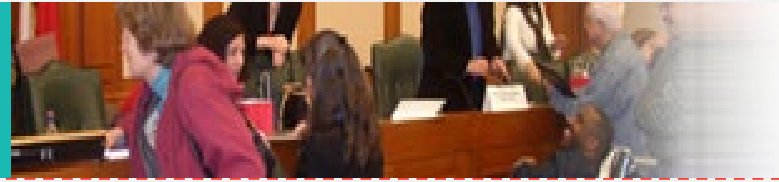
Information



Systems
Change



Implementation of Goals



Possible Goal Areas

Child Care

Community Supports

Education & Early Intervention

Employment

Health

Housing

Recreation

Transportation

Quality Assurance (QA)

Possible means of Implementation

Public policy advocacy

Coalition building

Demonstration project

Capacity building

Provision of training

Collaboration

Information sharing



Implementation of Goals

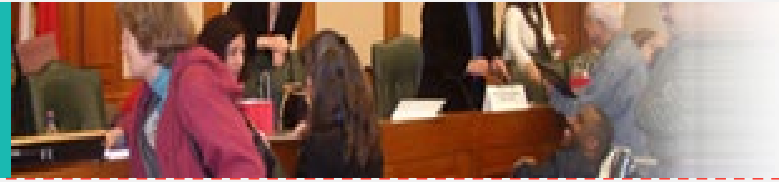


Advocate, Consistent With State Plan Goals:

- provide information and technical assistance to legislators, policymakers, agencies
- offer funds to organizations to support individuals with developmental disabilities and family members to participate on advisory boards, attend conferences
- participate in work-groups, task-forces, and coalitions that affect policy-making at the state level
- fund leadership and advocacy training



What does DDCO do?



Fund Projects to Implement Specific Goals:

- Projects that demonstrate new approaches to service provision (pilot projects)
- Initial development of innovative programs (seed money)
- Activities to change existing systems
- Training
- Dissemination of information



What does DDCO do?



DDCO DOES NOT PROVIDE NOR FUND DIRECT SERVICES.

DDCO can fund grants to provide some types of training or to demonstrate new approaches, but DOES NOT fund or direct services to people as a primary goal of a project.



Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma

Executive Committee

- Develops/monitors Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), policies and procedures
- Supervises and evaluates Executive Director
- Approves smaller grant awards
- Acts for full Council on emergency matters

Advocacy, Training and Outreach Committee

- Oversees implementation and evaluation of all “in-house” Council activities
- Coordinates public policy advocacy activities of the Council
- Oversees Council “outreach” work, such as, brochures and website

State Plan Committee

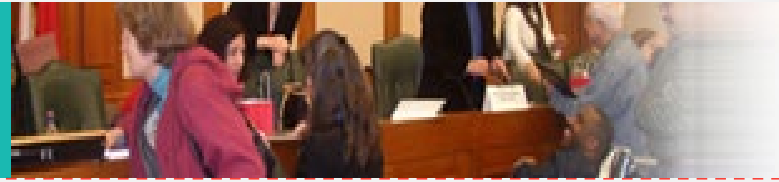
- Develops State Plan and oversees implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all activities listed in the plan
- Oversees planning of new activities and recommends new contracts to the full Council
- Review grantee activities and accomplishments

Nominating Committee

- Slates officers and committee assignments

Finance Committee

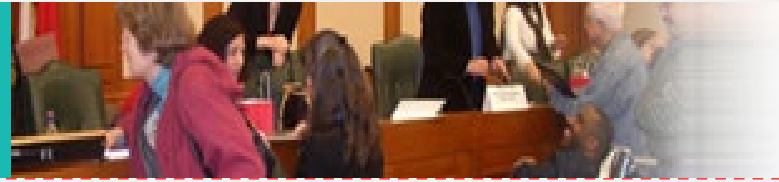
- Prepares and monitors budget



5-year strategic State Plan

- Developed through data driven strategic planning
- For advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change
- Related to the areas of emphasis to be undertaken by the Council, that are derived from the unmet needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families





Examples of Past/Present Council Activities

- Project PEAK
- Oklahoma Assistive Technology Center
- Dreamnight at the Zoo
- Youth Leadership Forum
- Partners in Policymaking
- Keeping Families Together
- Sooner SUCCESS
- Sibshops
- Governor's Conference on Developmental Disabilities



Designated State Agency



- Designated by the Governor
- Receive, account for and disperse funds consistent with the Council's State Plan
- Other responsibilities as requested by and negotiated with the Council
- DHS was designated to be the DSA for DDCCO since its inception
- The Council maintains a Memorandum of Understanding with DHS



Executive Order & Bylaws



- ✓ Governor designates Chair
- ✓ Members may serve up to 8 years
- ✓ Members receive actual travel expenses
- ✓ Members must receive training before serving as member.
- ✓ Carryout responsibilities of DD Act
- ✓ Adopt Rules in implement Council duties



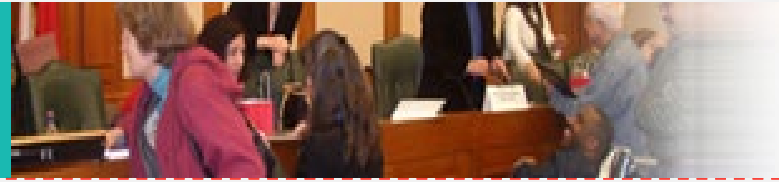
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- ✓ Develop policies and procedures to separate policymaking role of Council and management responsibilities of Executive Director
- ✓ Approve and execute budgets
- ✓ Council may write and approve contracts for approved activities



Member Responsibilities



- Attend Quarterly meetings
- Active participation
- Discussions/work between meetings occasionally
- Represent issues in the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities in Oklahoma
- Be Good Listeners
- Represent DDCCO Positions – When Asked and Approved
- Agency Representatives are expected to represent policies and positions of their agency



Member Responsibilities



- **Some Cautions**
- Members do not have any better access to services
- Members do not directly supervise or guide grant projects
- Members do not have “local responsibilities”





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