NH Council on Developmental Disabilities

2018-2019 Annual Report
Our mission:

“Dignity, full rights of citizenship, cultural diversity, equal opportunity, and full participation for all NH citizens with developmental disabilities.”

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The New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities develops and follows a State Plan every five years to establish specific goals, objectives and strategies to address the most important issues affecting people with developmental disabilities in New Hampshire. In the next three years, the Council plans to focus primarily on: children’s issues, quality of life, personal choice, and access to quality services. The overarching goal is always to remove barriers and promote opportunities in all areas of life for people with developmental disabilities.

The Council’s purpose is to engage in:
- ADVOCACY
- CAPACITY BUILDING
- SYSTEMS CHANGE

This is accomplished by many efforts including:
- OUTREACH & TRAINING
- SUPPORTING & EDUCATING COMMUNITIES
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
- ELIMINATING BARRIERS
- ENCOURAGING CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
- INFORMING OUR POLICYMAKERS OF ISSUES

DD Council Committees:
- EXECUTIVE
- MEMBER RELATIONS
- PROGRAM & PLANNING
- POLICY
- FINANCE
## 2018-2019 Council Members

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Individual with a disability/Family Member of an individual with a disability.
Council Staff

Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre          Executive Director
Chris Rueggeberg                   Policy Director
Ronnieann Rakoski                  Policy and Planning Director
Mary Lawson                        Senior Accounting Tech
Vanessa Blais                      Project Manager
Kim Lampron                        Administrative Assistant
Patricia Vincent-Piet              Administrative Assistant
Miles Trier                        Office Assistant

Follow The New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities on social media.
2018-2019 Projects & Activities

Employment Leadership Awards

Winter Awards

Governor’s Accessibility Awards

Legislative Breakfast

Legislative Training

Family Support Conference

Intelligent Lives Screening and Events

Direct Support Professionals Conference

Korean Delegation

Yellow Flag Day

Advocate NH Conference
2018-2019 Sponsored Projects & Activities

Caregiver’s Conference

12th Annual Transition Summit

Partnering for Strength Conference

Disability Policy Seminar

National Alliance on Mental Illness Conference

NACDD Conference

LGBTQ+ Pride Events

Multicultural Festival
Disability-Led Leadership in ADVOCACY

Self-Advocacy Leadership Team (SALT)

The Self-Advocacy Leadership Team serves as consultants for the New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities and other advocacy organizations. The groups’ members are talented citizens who want to effect positive change in New Hampshire. They are committed to addressing the needs of people who experience disabilities by tackling big issues that support meaning and quality of life in the community.

Advocate New Hampshire

Advocate NH is a group of community members, professionals, people with disabilities, people who advocate for disability rights and who work to make our community inclusive. Advocate NH wants New Hampshire to be a great place to live, learn, work, and play for people with disabilities. Advocate NH’s primary efforts are centered in coordinating the Annual Learn It! Live It! Love It! Conference by people with disabilities, for people with disabilities.

People First of New Hampshire

People First of New Hampshire is a statewide non-profit, directed by citizens who experience disabilities, for the purpose of self-advocacy. They are consultants to Council projects and legislation that affects people with disabilities.
2019 Legislative Session Priority Bills

- **SB1** Relative to paid family and medical leave.
- **HB692** Relative to dental care for Medicaid recipients.
- **SB259** Relative to expanding eligibility for Medicaid for employed adults with disabilities (MEAD) program.
- **SB 86** Relative to establishing a commission to study programs for serving individuals with certain developmental and mental health disabilities.
- **SB137** Relative to the requirement of certification of school nurses.
- **HB531** Relative to the delivery of absentee ballots cast by elderly or disabled citizens.
- **HB628** Relative to universal changing stations in certain places of public accommodation.
- **HB171** Relative to establishing a commission to study equal access and opportunity for students with disabilities to participate in co-curricular activities.
- **HB578** Relative to services for the developmentally disabled ages 18-21.
- **HB690** Relative to removing the work requirement of the NH Granite Advantage Health Care Program.
- **HB696** Relative to establishing a protective order for vulnerable adults.
- **HB721** Relative to special education in towns with no public schools.
The NH Leadership Series, is a training series using the Partners and Policy Making model. It brings together people that are passionate about supporting people with disabilities and family members within their communities. The NH Leadership series is committed to building a culturally diverse class and encourages applications from people of color, individuals with disabilities, and veterans. Individuals learn to:

- Develop leadership skills
- Build networking skills
- Identify their strengths
- Learn to advocate
- Connect with resources

Participants are eligible for college credits upon completion of this program.

“Thank you NH Council on Developmental Disabilities for being a valued partner of the NH Leadership Series. Our mission, vision and values align perfectly as we work together for full inclusion for people with disabilities in all aspects of life.”

Learn more at www.nhleadership.org

Learn. Lead. Create Change.
Financials

$5,000 in Community Grants

$2,300 in Employment Grants

$8,400 in Personal Education & Leadership Grants

Over $8,000 in Publications
Grants Awarded by the Council in 2018-2019

**Demonstration Projects**

$50,000 to **Center for Life Management and Community Crossroads** to implement new strategies that address the needs of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and mental health needs. This will include training to increase capacity in the system and data collection in hopes of expanding this innovative service approach throughout the state of New Hampshire.

$50,000 to **University of New Hampshire** to help provide Post-Secondary educational opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The UNH-4U pilot project will aid in the development and implementation of Think College National Standards for a cohort of individuals with labels of intellectual disability.

**Large Grants**

$40,000 to **Refurbished Equipment Marketplace (REM)** for assisting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in purchasing, servicing, and in delivery of REM equipment. With this grant, Refurbished Equipment Marketplace will be able to continue to assist individuals with I/DD in obtaining and sustaining necessary devices and equipment that will further their independence and quality of life.

$20,000 to the **NH Leadership Series** for training using the Partners in Policymaking model, developing leaders who are committed to supporting people with disabilities and their families in their communities.

**Small Grants for Community Projects and Educational Programs**

The Council provides grants of up to $1000 to support community projects or educational programs that help achieve goals and objectives in the Council’s five year plan.

**Employment and Post-Secondary Education Grants**

The Council provides up to $1000 for people with developmental disabilities to pursue integrated employment or secondary education. Grants include drivers education, interview clothing/uniforms, trade tools, coursework/education/certification, assistance with resume, cover letter, job applications, temporary transportation, career/college consultations, etc.

**Grants for Youth and Young Adults**

The Council provides up to $500 for teens or young adults who want to make their schools or communities more welcoming to people of all disabilities through the implementation of inclusive activities.

**Personal Education and Leadership Development Program**

The Council provides funds for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to attend conferences and workshops of local, regional or national significance in order to increase their understanding of their disability or that of their child, develop leadership or self-advocacy skills or learn strategies to lead more inclusive, self-directed lives in their community.
Our Key Partners

DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER - NH
www.drcnh.org

University of New Hampshire
www.iod.unh.edu

SALT
SELF ADVOCACY LEADERSHIP TEAM
www.nhcdd.org/advocacy.php

COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORK, INC.
www.csni.org

New Hampshire FAMILY VOICES®
www.nhfv.org

ABLE NEW HAMPSHIRE
www.ablenh.org

New Hampshire Governor’s Commission on Disability
www.nh.gov/disability

Parent Information Center
www.picnh.org

New Hampshire Department of Education
www.education.nh.gov