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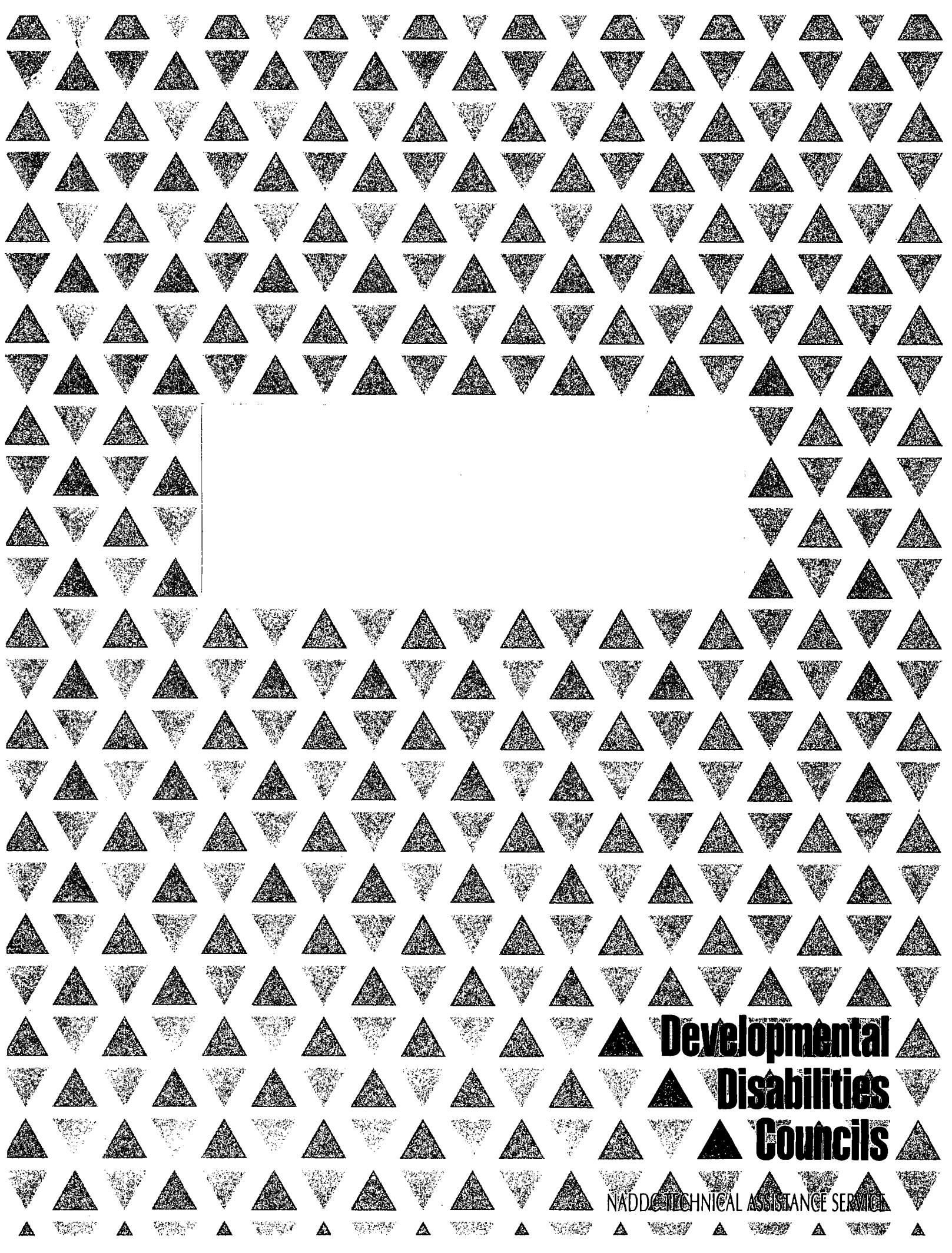
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***Getting Results: Profiles of
Developmental Disabilities Council
Achievements in FY 1997***

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INTRODUCTION

Getting Results: Profiles of State Developmental Disabilities Council Achievements in FY 1997 is the second in a series of annual publications highlighting the major initiatives and achievements of Councils nationwide.

As Councils enhance their definition, measurement and documentation of their systems change results and accomplishments, these Profiles will contain an increasing amount of information about the impact DD Councils have at the societal level. Profiles show Councils' anticipating of the outcome focus of DD Council Performance Indicators developed as part of the *DD Network Road Map to the Future* developed for fiscal year 1997.

Councils were asked to select a few of their highest impact activities which had results in 1996. These accomplishments are often the result of many years of systemic work toward particular results.

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The Alabama Developmental Disabilities Council shares the vision that public policy and service delivery systems, at all levels, should foster full citizenship for people with developmental disabilities.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$1,259,034

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$1,260,401

Number of people in Alabama with developmental disabilities (approx.): 74,545

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Special Education Policy Reform: The Council funded a research project investigating the prevalence of mental retardation compared to national and regional data.

The study resulted in the State Department of Education recommending major policy changes in the way students are identified and placed in special education. It also addressed graduation requirements. Implementing these recommendations will reduce the number of students referred to special education. In addition, an at-risk program has been developed for those students who need additional help. In May of 1997, an Occupational Diploma track was approved offering another graduation option for those students not planning to go to college. This new option has challenging academic standards and focuses on the development of work behaviors. There has been a statewide increase in graduation proficiency requirements and the Occupational Diploma graduation alternative may be an option for the large number of students who are anticipated to be unable to pass the high school exit examination.

Individual and Family Supports: In May of 1997, the Alabama Developmental Disabilities Consortium and others were successfully secured the passage of a bill creating funding and other supports for individuals and families living with developmental disabilities. Act 97-421 creates a statewide system of Individual and Family Support Councils. Individuals with developmental

disabilities will now be able to access resources and services previously unavailable. For individuals with developmental disabilities previously unserved and underserved in Alabama, this is a significant system change.

Community Living Initiative: In 1996, the Alabama DD Council partnership with the Alabama Finance Authority resulted in \$1 million in mortgage assistance for people with disabilities in Alabama. Using the mortgage assistance program as a pilot, the Council applied for and received the "Home of Your Own" Alliance training and technical assistance grant. To date four individuals have closed on a home and twenty are in the application process.

An additional pilot will be funded by the Council to move people who are currently living in group homes, nursing homes or congregate settings into homes of their own.

In June of 1997, the Council sponsored Alabama's second supported living conference. The number of participants almost doubled from the first year with over 200 consumers, family members, and providers in attendance.

As a result of the Community Living Initiative, individuals with disabilities, family members and providers have united to solve the transportation problem in Alabama. The first result was passage of a bill to develop a state interagency transportation plan by 1998.

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State Allotment (FY 1996): \$402,062

State Allotment (FY 1997): \$420,475

Number of people in Alaska with developmental disabilities (approx.): 11,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Medicaid Waivers: The DD Council and the Alaska Commission on Aging made recommendations to generate federal funds to benefit people with disabilities and control state spending. As a result, the legislature authorized Medicaid Waivers to serve people with home supports. They also adopted the TEFRA Option which allows families to secure Medicaid funded medical services for their children with severe disabilities.

Closing our State Institution: DD Council research found that individuals who require an institutional level of care may receive the care they need in community-based settings with greater consumer satisfaction and less cost to the state. A study found that the annual cost of institutional care at Harborview Developmental Center, Alaska's only state operated institution, is \$151,215 per person. By contrast, it costs only \$38,750 per person to provide community-based services. As a result of these findings, the Council developed a three-year implementation plan to expand community alternatives for Harborview residents. The legislature adopted the Council's plan and the ICF/MR facility will close in December 1997. Some of the funds saved by providing community services went to help balance the state budget. After January, 1998 no public or private ICF/MR facilities will

exist in Alaska. People are served using a plan of individualized services.

Nursing Home Moratorium: The Council asked the legislature to pass a two-year construction moratorium on long-term care nursing home beds to encourage the development of home and community-based services and allow time for Alaska to move toward a more balanced long-term care system. Now that the moratorium is in place, facility-based Medicaid costs can be contained, providing more appropriate placement of seniors and people with disabilities, and redirecting resources toward the services that can best meet the needs of recipients.

Self-Advocacy: In collaboration with Alaska Special Olympics, the Center for Human Development (UAP) and the Disability Law Center (P & A system), the Council is involved in planning the "1998 People First, Self Advocates Becoming Empowered International Conference." Nearly 800 people from almost 30 countries are expected to attend the conference scheduled for April 23-25, 1998. The conference is designed to give participants a chance to improve advocacy techniques, practice leadership skills, and develop relationships with self-advocates from around the world.

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State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$850,245

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$850,971

Number of people with developmental disabilities (approx.): 82,717

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Education: The Arizona DD Council advocated for full funding of special education as a top priority during the last two legislative sessions. Total funding was increased by \$7 million in 1995 and \$10 million in 1996. A 1995 cost study determined that \$42 million was needed to fully fund Special Education. The Governor's DD Council, along with a number of other advocacy and educational groups, will advocate next year for an additional \$25 million to fully fund educational services for students with disabilities.

Quality Assurance: The past legislative session brought the Governor's Council's Quality Assurance Project one step closer to implementation. House Bill 2247 on Case Management and Licensing will implement recommendations on "Revitalizing Case Management" and "A New Approach to Licensing and Monitoring." The case management section continues a study

committee to review and recommend models for more effective case management. The licensing bill will transfer the licensing component from the Division of Developmental Disabilities to the Arizona Department of Health Services where most licensing is handled. This will separate licensing from the funding agency and emphasize monitoring for quality of life issues.

Arizona "Home of Your Own" Program: This program is based on a partnership among governmental agencies, financial institutions, mortgage companies, real estate professionals, support organizations, and neighborhood groups. In Arizona, and all across the country, doors are opening to people with developmental disabilities and barriers to home ownership are coming down. The program provides assistance and support to help people with disabilities to find and finance a home.

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State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$734,954

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$735,582

Number of people in Arkansas with Developmental Disabilities (approx.): 65,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Employment: During 1995-96, the Council assisted H.I.R.E., Inc. to expand employment for individuals with developmental disabilities. Over one-hundred jobs were developed in the Pulaski County area through concentration on natural supports and long-term employment.

The project focused on marketing to businesses that do not typically employ individuals with disabilities. H.I.R.E., Inc. employed a person with a marketing background and established an advisory committee of human resource and public relations personnel, individuals with disabilities and parents and representatives from banks, hospitals, phone companies, insurance companies and investment firms. The committee helped network with other businesses to identify job opportunities.

To expand the job information base, luncheons were held quarterly for human resource personnel to inform businesses of the benefits of hiring individuals with disabilities and H.I.R.E. services. The project provides opportunities for individuals to choose their work, expand opportunities for inclusion at work, and improve economic self-sufficiency.

Community Inclusion: The Council funded Beehive Industries to support The Honeycomb Restaurant and Bakery. This food establishment is located on the town square in Arkadelphia, Arkansas and is staffed by fifteen people with disabilities and six full-time staff members, four job coaches, and community volunteers. The project combines a model employment program for individuals with a community need for a food service establishment in the downtown area. The greatest accomplishments of

the Honeycomb Restaurant and Bakery are employing previously unemployed and underemployed individuals and gaining community acceptance and support from the citizens of Arkadelphia. The project has improved the economic status of people with disabilities through training and employment, and provides a means of community inclusion. Community support continues to grow and a ten-member restaurant committee including local business representatives, community representatives, Group Living staff, and representatives from the local college has been established. The restaurant was featured in the March 1996 issue of *Southern Living* magazine and was recently described in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, a statewide paper, as a "modern site that warms the heart."

Needs Assessment: During FY 1996, Needs Assessment meetings were sponsored by the DD Council, Advocacy Services, and the University Affiliated Program to gather local input about issues which affect the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Held in six locations with large minority and low income populations, the meetings generated answers to the question, "What do you need to improve things for yourself, your family member, or other people with disabilities?" This information helped identify barriers to services, focus their activities, and increase collaboration with each other. The DD Council used this information to select the state plan goals and objectives and to determine specific activities. The UAP used the information to develop their five year grant application to ADD.

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State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$5,562,816

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$6,554,934

Number of people in California with developmental disabilities (approx.): 568,605

The California Council provides leadership to ensure an exemplary developmental disabilities service system which promotes quality of life; includes access to appropriate health, education, vocational, residential and social/recreational services; and supports a system - driven by consumers, parents and families - which offers a full range of services that enable full lives for the diverse spectrum of people with developmental disabilities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The California DD Council plays a critical role in ensuring the effective delivery of services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. This responsibility assumes even greater significance as the human services delivery system restructures - helping to ensure that services for some of our most vulnerable Californians are neither duplicative nor nonexistent.

In 1995, the Council invested 80 percent of its funding in local communities, including two million dollars to establish new community services to address unmet needs. Over three million dollars met community needs through local Area Boards that provide technical assistance, monitoring, and complaint resolution preventing costly and time-consuming legal intervention.

The Council identifies new options for residential living, enhancing independence, and family support - all of which assist individuals to live and participate safely and competently, in the communities of their choice.

Law Enforcement Awareness of Disabilities (LEADS): This Council-funded project developed pre-service/in-service law enforcement training in effective communication techniques to assist in their interactions with individuals with

developmental disabilities and/or mental illness. Conducted by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), this training has achieved such recognition in the law enforcement community that it continues today, with requests for training coming from as far away as the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas.

Epilepsy Media Campaign: Based on needs identified in a Council-funded Epilepsy Needs Assessment, the Council funded a statewide media campaign to create awareness and provide Californians with a toll-free source of instant information. The project was so well received by the public that it continues today as an ongoing resource for Californians.

Preserving and Strengthening Families: In the last two years alone, the Council has invested more than a half-million dollars to preserve and strengthen the families of individuals with developmental disabilities - disabilities that may occur regardless of the family's income, ethnicity, or political affiliation. These dollars have created services that help preserve the family unit, sparing the high emotional and fiscal toll that could result from placing a child out-of-home. The Council's commitment to California families includes an investment of over nine million dollars to create more than 300 community-based programs in the last five years alone.

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The mission of the Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council is to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities enjoy the same quality of life as the rest of society.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$402,062

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$420,475

Number of people in Delaware with developmental disabilities (approx.): 11,663

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

System Coordination:

- Supported a Medicaid-related coalition of four disability councils;
- Funded a transition program at Delaware State University for seven Charlton/Caesar Rodney School District students to prepare for the work world; and
- Co-sponsored a brainstorming session with the Center for Disabilities Studies, the Protection and Advocacy System and Head Start representatives to determine how best to foster inclusion of children with developmental disabilities in Head Start Programs under sponsorship of the Federal Regional Office, Administration on Developmental Disabilities.

Community Education:

- Funded a Partners in Policymaking Program which trained twenty-four parents of young children and young adults with disabilities to be advocates;
- Funded a Criminal Justice Symposium on Individuals with Disabilities co-sponsored with the Attorney General's Office with 135 participants;

- Funded a Criminal Justice symposium on mental disorders;
- Advocated regarding the Wilmington Housing Authority's "elderly only" housing plan; and the budgets for the Division of Mental Retardation and the Ombudsman Program;
- Funded implementation of a new curriculum to explain mental disorders to employers throughout Delaware via the Mental Health Association;
- Co-funded an inclusion seminar for educators and parents;
- Funded an inclusion seminar for deans of education, selected district officials and parents;
- Funded individualized training of persons with developmental disabilities in the use of computers;
- A fall-winter double issue of deLaWare on inclusion via the Center for Disabilities Studies at the University of Delaware; a spring-summer double issue on transportation; and
- Development of a white paper on health care reform issues.

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The Guam Developmental Disabilities Council advocates for systems change, public policy, and best practices that promote the full inclusion and integration of people with developmental disabilities.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$220,750

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$220,750

Number of people in Guam with developmental disabilities (approx.): 3,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Systems Change: The Council works with the legislature to improve services and supports through improved policy changes. Council policy activities include:

- The Council developed the *Territorial Agenda and Policy Recommendations for Developmental Disabilities*, is the collective effort of hundreds of individuals with disabilities, family members, public and private providers, technical assistance agencies, government agencies, and advocates.
- *Integrated Services.* Recommendations from the Territorial Agenda were to create the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities, passed by the 24th Guam Legislature and signed into law by the Governor. This department will open its doors in October 1997.
- *Transportation Services for Persons with Disabilities on Guam*, a review of Federal and Guam laws and regulations on existing transportation systems, a consumer satisfaction survey of persons using the systems and recommendations for system enhancement.
- *Tax Relief.* The Council was instrumental in the passage of the "Property Tax Relief Bill," which allows seniors 60 and over, people with disabilities, and heads of households with dependents with disabilities with incomes of \$40,000 or less and who have lived in their home 5 or more years, to pay 20% of the assessed tax.
- *Accessible Parking.* The Council was instrumental in the passage of a law adopting ADA *Guidelines for Accessible Parking* and raising fines

from \$100 to \$300-\$500 for violators who park in accessible spaces or block access aisles.

- *Employment:* The Council focused many resources to improve employment opportunities for persons with DD.
- *Guam Laws Affecting the Employment of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities*, an analysis of local laws having a direct impact on employment of persons with DD, including recommendations to improve the system.
- *Assessment of Factors Affecting the Employment of Persons with Disabilities on Guam.* Study participants included representatives from 18 Government agencies and 37 private companies.
- *Employer Power Training Module/Participants Manual* for a training attended by 25 private and government employers.

Health Care

- *Health Care for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities on Guam*, an extensive review of local and national health care financing issues and recommendations.
- "Caring for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities New Role for Physicians and Healthcare Providers," the 2nd Annual Medical Symposium, was attended by 75 local medical professionals with continuing education credits offered. A manual was provided to all attendees.
- *Visits to the Doctor - A guide for parents* helps parents work with medical professionals to get good care for their children.

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The Hawai'i DD Council's mission is to ensure access to, and availability of, quality supports which create opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to make their own life choices.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$402,062

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$420,475

Number of people in Hawai'i with developmental disabilities (approx.): 12,181

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Transportation: The Council's West Hawai'i DD Committee advocated for the Hawai'i Statewide Supported Employment Project to focus its funding for West Hawai'i on transportation services. The result was \$25,000 for a public relations campaign, bus route survey and temporary bus route to demonstrate the benefits of assisting all citizens, including those with disabilities, in going to and from work.

Health Care: The Health Care Reform Work Group, created and supported by the Council, has been successful on two fronts. First, the Council supports the successful collaboration of representatives from the elderly, developmental disability, mental health and AIDS communities to improve access to health care. Second, the Work Group has built a solid reputation in the community and is consistently invited to participate in the development of policies and programs.

Self-Determination: The Council funds and coordinates the Partners in Policymaking Leadership Academy. Twenty-five individuals with developmental disabilities and family members are trained annually.

The Council, with the Departments of Health and Human Services, parents, consumers, and private agencies, submitted a \$400,000 grant proposal on "Self-Determination for Persons with Developmental Disabilities" to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation which was fully funded.

Community Funding: The Council and others successfully advocated for an additional \$975,000 in State dollars for the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (H&CBS) waiver program.

Institution to Community Monitoring: The Council, University Affiliated Program, and Protection & Advocacy Agencies collaborated to develop and implement a system to track and monitor individuals as they transition from the State institution, Waimano Training School and Hospital (WTSH) into the community.

Training: The Council provided training on Essential Lifestyle Planning (ELP) for parents, service professionals, and advocates. WTSH agreed to use the ELP process for all residents. This is an important step in assuring success in the community as the institution closes.

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State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$402,062
State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$402,406
Number of people in Idaho with developmental disabilities (approx.): 35,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Homes: The Council is the lead agency for the Idaho Home of Your Own Initiative (HOYO), a single family secondary financing mortgage program providing downpayments, closing costs, and rehabilitation assistance to individuals with developmental and other disabilities. As of September, the Council assisted five people to buy homes. As of April 1997, the Council assisted 15 home owners with disabilities. The Council received over 300 inquiries for applications and had to establish a waiting list. Applications continue to be accepted from people with developmental disabilities. The Council provides educational materials to realtors, lenders and home buyers. A Step-by-Step Guide for Home Ownership was developed for dissemination to HOYO applicants.

School Inclusion: The Council awarded 1996-1997 Exemplary Awards to two outstanding schools, nominated by parents who documented why their child's program is an excellent inclusive education site for children with and without disabilities. Certificates and cash awards were presented to the teachers who provided outstanding inclusive education. The school and teachers were recognized in an article in the local newspaper. The Council also funds research on the costs and long-term benefits of inclusive

education. This information will be disseminated throughout Idaho.

Family Support: 1997 Family Support calendars were disseminated statewide, increasing awareness and highlighting our State and Congressional Delegates' birthdays. Also the Council's Family Support Task Force successfully advocated legislation that consolidated respite care and other family support under a single statute, creating more flexible and effective supports for families. The Council is developing regional family support committees to monitor quality assurance, provide parent advocacy, gather and disseminate information, and provide technical support and guidance to the regional disability programs.

Self-Determination: The Council funded *People First* to support six existing chapters, develop eleven new chapters, and provide advocacy training and conferences. Under this contract, *People First* developed a "How To" guide used throughout the state to assist new advisors to support chapters throughout the state.

The Council has just selected its first 25 participants for Partners in Policymaking. Idaho is looking forward to the benefits achieved through this program.

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State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$2,542,516
Number of people with developmental disabilities
(approx.): 143,000

The Illinois Developmental Disabilities Council promotes the inclusion of people with disabilities in all natural environments, including: day care centers and preschool programs; elementary and secondary public schools; universities and colleges; the work place; homes in regular neighborhoods; and community environments for recreation and entertainment.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Leadership Development for Local School Boards and Superintendents: The Council created a project which developed and provided training for local school board members and superintendents to acquaint them with both the theory and techniques of educating children with diverse learning styles together. Two presentations (Do Our Schools Work for All Learners and Board Challenges for Educating All Learners in the 21st Century), were developed along with companion training packets and a set of four videos on inclusive education. Eighteen training events were held during the period of the project, reaching 770 school board members and superintendents representing 217 school districts in Illinois. The project will be expanded to train more school board members and superintendents. In addition, a training curriculum is being designed specifically for principals developing collaborative schools for inclusive education.

Supported Employment in State Government Initiative: The Council initiated a project to provide work experience within state government for high school students to build their resumes to secure future employment. Supports included job matching, job coaching, assisting in creating natural supports, and working with employers to ensure understanding of the program and the participants. In addition to the supports for the students, staff was responsible for job development to ensure that a variety of jobs were available in several state agency offices for appropriate job matching to occur. During the past year, four students worked in state government

offices in Chicago and two students worked in the DD Council office in Springfield. During the summer months, eight students were involved in a summer work program through the Chicago Mayor's Office on People with Disabilities.

Cultural Diversity Initiative: For the past two years the Council has been involved in outreach, technical assistance, and education efforts aimed at providing support to minority and underserved people with developmental disabilities. These outreach efforts allowed minorities with disabilities and their families to define their needs regarding inclusion into their communities. As a result, support groups, training, and information are being provided so that minorities with disabilities and their families can expand their opportunities for independence, productivity and integration/inclusion. Outreach has been targeted to the Asian, Native American, Hispanic, and African American communities. Over 300 people received information, advocacy, referral and/or training through this initiative.

Project Ground Floor: The Council's home ownership initiative, "Project Ground Floor," is being implemented in five areas of the state. There are approximately 40 people with disabilities who are homeowners as a result of the first phase of this project. Total money made available to people with disabilities exceeds \$1.5 million. The Council has arranged for over \$500,000 in down payment assistance. The Project is targeted to make an additional \$750,000 available during the next year.

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The Iowa Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council gathers information, plans and advocates for supports and systems that empower all people with developmental disabilities to exercise their right, along with all Iowans, to fully participate as independent, productive and integrated members of their communities.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$761,079

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$761,728

Number of people in Iowa with developmental disabilities (approx.): 50,400

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Employment: Iowa's DD Council helped create and support tomorrow's business leaders through technical assistance and support to Social Security Work Incentive specialists to develop their own small businesses, as they helped other individuals with disabilities to become self-supporting. Other Council resources furnished needed information to individuals about employment, training, and a broad range of other issues: Iowa COMPASS (an information and referral service), the Clearinghouse (a lending library of disability-related materials), and Partners in Policymaking (a leadership and advocacy training program). In addition, the Systems Change Network, a Council-initiated cross disability advocacy group directed by individuals with disabilities, successfully prevented removal of people with disabilities from Iowa's targeted small business set-aside, and has drafted and supported other state legislation to meet the employment needs of Iowans with disabilities.

Individual and Family Supports: The Council's Family Support Initiative is a

family-directed, cross-disability organization working for families who wish to keep their children with disabilities in their own homes. The DD Council recently prompted legislation which defined personal assistance and comprehensive family support services to allow Iowans with disabilities to remain in their own homes; and state funding for two pilot projects: a Personal Assistance Pilot, and Children at Home.

Funding for the family support cash subsidy program in Iowa, designed to keep children out of institutional settings and in their own homes, has been chronically insufficient to address the needs of families on the waiting list. Although the legislature passed, and the Governor approved, small cost of living increases in the subsidy program, the waiting list is approximately 400.

The Systems Change Network continues to work to change the system of services and supports in Iowa, earning respect from Iowa legislators as a resource on disability issues.

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The mission of the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities is to ensure people with developmental disabilities have the opportunity to make choices regarding participation in society and quality of life.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$584,198

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$584,697

Number of people in Kansas with developmental disabilities (approx.): 46,296

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Employment: The Kansas Council focuses on activities that are investments and that use entrepreneurs and the private sector to provide programs, ensuring a high return. In 1997 the Council helped a young man with autism buy his own business. In March, 1997 he cleared his first profit of \$700. Similar grants will be provided next Fiscal Year.

Assistive Technology: The Kansas DD Council helped 475 Kansas children and adults with disabilities buy assistive technology devices through a grant with United Cerebral Palsy of Kansas. By providing \$275,000 in seed money over a period of three years, equipment valued at \$1,387,743 was purchased for individuals with disabilities. \$1,076,633 in additional funds were generated from other sources such as churches, civic organizations, and community programs. United Cerebral Palsy of Kansas contributed \$61,110. In 1996 and 1997 the State Legislature appropriated \$100,000 to replicate this initiative.

Hospital Closure: The Council and the Kansas Legislature are jointly funding an independent evaluation of the closure of the state hospitals at Winfield and Topeka. The Council manages the proposal process for the Legislature and works

with them throughout the closure process. The evaluation study's results are being used both to improve the current process and for future hospital closings.

Housing: In the three years of their *Home Of Your Own (HOYO)* grant, the Sedgwick County Area NonProfit Community Housing Organization (SANCHO) studied the current barriers to home ownership and worked with state banks and realtors to educate them on the possibilities of persons with disabilities owning their own homes. As of June 1997, SANCHO enabled 18 people with disabilities to purchase their own homes.

Self-Determination: The Council worked with a consortium of consumers, state agency personnel, and University Affiliated Program staff to write a self-determination proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The proposal was funded at \$400,000 for three years. Council contributions include \$50,000 to enable the pilot sites to hire mentors. The program will provide 80 people with developmental disabilities the opportunity to learn to make choices and will provide funds used to help them live in the community under their control.

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The Kentucky Council's mission is to cause change in the service/support system which result in the opportunity for all Kentuckians with developmental disabilities to live, work, and play in the community and environment of their choice by influencing from within the system.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$1,164,883

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$1,250,669

Number of people in Kentucky with developmental disabilities (approx.): 10,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Kentucky Council (KDDC) focused on Community Living, Employment, Child Development, Systems Coordination, and Community Education for the past three years to improve independence, productivity, integration and inclusion into the community for people who have developmental disabilities.

Employment: Two KDDC projects consolidate regular adult day habilitation programs to a community-based employment training network to increase the competency and capacity of agency staff to shift to a person-centered service delivery approach.

Self-Determination: *Partners in Policymaking* trains participants on how to gain confidence and competency in 21 specific areas so they can become active advocates for themselves and family members on disability issues.

Peer Mentoring: This project provides opportunities for students to have positive experiences regarding continuing education, career development, life long learning and employment and encourages students to be active participants in their own transition plans.

Kentucky Disabilities Coalition: This coalition organizes advocacy events statewide; keeps members informed of legislative issues; publicizes voter registration information; and provides financial and technical assistance.

Health Care Advocacy Initiative: This Council initiative employs a Health Care Advocate who assists people with disabilities to understand, access, and advocate for equitable health care insurance coverage. The goal of the advocate is to work toward systems change for a universal coverage in a single payer system of health care insurance.

Inclusive Education Parent Information and Training Project: This project trains parents to successfully include their children with disabilities in the regular education classrooms.

Drop Out Prevention for Students with Disabilities: The Council provides mini-grants to school districts with high drop-out rates to prevent and reduce the drop-out rate of students with disabilities.

Special Services & Equipment Fund: This fund pays for special equipment needed by people with disabilities to remain in their own homes and communities. Equipment with extended life is made available to others once the original need/use is completed. Special services support individuals for continued development and maintenance.

The Council successfully completed two projects: Training for Regional Supported Living Councils and Coordinators and Person Centered Planning Training. Both were fully funded by the State Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation.

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State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$1,352,445

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$1,431,968

Number of people in Louisiana with developmental disabilities (approx.): 62,000

The mission of the Louisiana State Council on Developmental Disabilities is to assure that all people with developmental disabilities receive the services, assistance and other opportunities necessary to achieve their maximum potential through increased independence, productivity and integration into the community.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The vision shared by members of the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council is one of person-centeredness, family support, respect for individual choices, and sensible and responsible use of resources. With this vision the Council supported the development of ten regional Families Helping Families Resource Centers around the State to put information and support closer to families. The Centers are directed by families and individuals with developmental disabilities. The effectiveness of the centers led several state agencies to contract with the Families Helping Families for outreach and information dissemination in each region. The natural network of families, developed through the contact with Families Helping Families is enhanced by cotangent networks of individuals and companies developed through several other Council sponsored/funded initiatives. These networks include the following:

- Graduates of five classes of Partners in Policymaking;
- Louisiana Employment Network;
- Louisiana Supported Living Network;
- Louisiana Citizens for Action Now (LaCAN) - a coalition for DD, mental health, and aging issues;
- Louisiana Coalition for Inclusive Education;

- Community and Family Support System Task Force;
- Ombudsperson Project;
- Resources for Adult Aging with Disabilities Network (R.A.A.D. NET);
- Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network (LATAN) which is now independent;
- TRIADD - collaborative work of the Council, UAP, P&A to provide training and technical assistance across the state and to also provide an operating-infrastructure for fledgling organizations and organizations with limited resources;
- Louisiana President's Committee on Mental Retardation (PCMR) state team;
- Home of Your Own, Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered, and Bridging the Criminal Justice System (three new initiatives with multi-agency/organization involvement).

The Louisiana DD Council invests its federally allocated funds to build on what is most effective, to connect all the players, avoiding duplication and increasing coordination and collaboration across the state.

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State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$402,062

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$402,406

Number of people in Maine with developmental disabilities (approx.): 19,000

The mission of the Maine DD Council is to create a common vision and an atmosphere for social change to empower people with developmental disabilities to achieve their highest level of self-determination. All people should be recognized for their self-worth, their abilities and their contributions to the community.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Self-Advocacy: As part of its responsibility to advocate for unserved and underserved populations, the Council was instrumental in getting \$800,000 for community services for people with mental retardation who had not been residents of Pineland, the state facility for the mentally retarded. When Pineland closed in 1996, many people felt that the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services promised to fund community services for all people with mental retardation. However, a “two-tier” system developed where people who had been residents of Pineland received services from the department, and those who had not (non-class members) did not. During the last legislative session, DMHMRSAS had requested zero dollars for the 690 people on the waiting list for day program services. LD 1830, “An Act to Provide Funding for Mental Retardation Day Services for Nonclass Members” was introduced as emergency legislation, and funded by the Appropriations Committee in the final days of the session.

Maine Disabilities Coalition: The DD Council was instrumental in convening the Maine Disabilities Coalition, a cross-disability, cross-age, state-wide coalition to advocate for broad policy changes. The Coalition consists of over

20 people with disabilities, organizations, and groups who represent tens of thousands of Maine citizens with disabilities. The Coalition identified 32 major issues relating to people with disabilities and distilled these issues into four major areas: children and community support, coordination of services, individual importance and power, and Medicaid/managed care. The Coalition organized itself into substantive committees to address each of these areas.

Medicaid: Working with the Maine Disabilities Rights Coalition and the Alliance for the Mentally Ill in Maine, the Council sponsored a Medicaid conference for families who have children with disabilities, people with disabilities, and service providers. The purpose of the conference was to inform people of current changes in Medicaid. Over 300 people attended. A nationally known expert presented the keynote address, and a panel discussion featured the commissioners of the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, and an educational consultant from the Department of Education. In addition, six panel discussions were held in the afternoon, featuring 27 presenters.

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The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council advocates for public policy, supportive practices and opportunities that promote the full inclusion of all people with developmental disabilities into the community.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$976,916

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$979,588

Number of people in Maryland with developmental disabilities (approx.): 92,529

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Self-Advocacy: Partners in Policymaking, a leadership training program for self-advocates and parents, builds the competencies people need to advocate for themselves and others. Partners' accomplishments include: obtaining educational services for children; starting an inclusive education advocacy group in Prince George's County; and developing an inclusive religious school program which is a model throughout the state.

Great Oaks Closure: In 1996, the Great Oaks Institution in southern Maryland closed after 26 years of operation, forced by budget constraints and a lawsuit alleging deficient care. The Council has been a key player in making sure that Great Oaks residents received the services needed to move to the community. The Council paper, A Single State System for Including People with Severe Disabilities in Maryland's Communities, demonstrated the cost effectiveness of community-based homes and services. A Council project increased community capacity for person directed planning.

Leadership Through Collaboration: The Council, along with the Disability Law Center, Kennedy/Krieger Institute, and the federal technical assistance Resource Access Project (RAP) comprise the Maryland Head Start/DD Initiative promoting inclusion of children with disabilities in Head Start through training and technical assistance, and coordinating school districts, Head Start, public agencies and child care providers.

Home of Your Own: The Council formed The Maryland Home of Your Own Coalition, a collaboration of disability and housing advocates, professionals, and people with disabilities, to assist people with developmental disabilities become homeowners. The Coalition will impact policies and practices and identify

additional resources for services and supports so that more Marylanders with disabilities can purchase their own homes.

Health Care and Medicaid: As Maryland considered changes in its Medicaid program, the Council played a critical role on behalf of children and adults with disabilities. The Council was appointed to both the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee, overseeing the development and implementation of the somatic health care proposal under the 1115 Waiver, and the Maryland Long Term Care Advisory Committee, to evaluate and make recommendations on the delivery of long term supports to people with disabilities and those who are aging. In both areas, the Council coordinated common concerns of the broader disability, children, and poverty advocacy communities. The results of the Council's advocacy efforts are evident in both Medicaid plans and programs.

Supporting and Empowering Families: Parents, Council members and staff, advocates, and service providers comprise the Council's Family Support Task Force which assessed the quality and availability of family support services, and developed and implemented a strategy to increase these services to unserved families. The Task Force developed guiding principles for family support, Features of Quality Support for Families, which was widely disseminated. The Council hired a coordinator to expand family support statewide. The organizer, a parent of a child with a developmental disability, educates and mobilizes families to improve programs.

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The mission of the Massachusetts DD Council is to provide opportunities for people with developmental disabilities and their families to enhance independence, productivity, integration and inclusion. The MDDC effects changes in public policy so that people with DD and their families become more independent and economically productive. The MDDC increases public awareness of issues affecting people with DD and promotes relationships among public and private service providers.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$1,229,460

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$1,230,410

Number of people in Massachusetts with developmental disabilities (approx.): 90,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

State Budget for People with Disabilities: In 1996 the Council produced a detailed analysis of the impact of the proposed FY 1997 Massachusetts State Budget on people with developmental disabilities and their families. The publication, *People First*, analyzed over 70 line items and included information on which services are provided through a particular line item and who receives those services. In addition, budget information was included from previous years to provide a historical reference. *People First* was issued in two parts. The first analyzed the budget submitted by the Governor; the second, the final House Budget recommendations. Although the intent of *People First* was to provide a tool for people with disabilities and their families to use in advocating for their needs, it was also valued by legislators and state administrators as a tool to analyze the service and funding needs of their constituents. The publication will be produced again for FY 1998.

Disability Policy Consortium: In 1996, the Council successfully established a new cross disability coalition in Massachusetts, the Disability Policy Consortium. The steering group consists entirely of people with disabilities. The Consortium represents the

disability community as the advisory group to the Secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services. The Disability Policy Consortium has grown to include over 35 disability advocacy organizations in less than six months. Due to the Consortium's diligent efforts, the Governor's proposal to combine a number of state disability agencies into a single Department of Disability Services was rejected by the Legislature in the FY 1997 budget.

Personal Care Assistance (PCA) Project: In the fall of 1995, the Council facilitated a series of meetings among consumers, providers and state agency representatives to address the funding and provision of Personal Care Assistance (PCA) services for individuals with disabilities, including the elderly and children. In February 1996 the Council published the Personal Care Assistance (PCA) Report, containing the working group's recommendations to improve PCA services. As a result, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services will convene an advisory group of vendors, state agency representatives and consumer advocates to specifically address personal care assistance issues.

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The Mississippi Developmental Disabilities Council is a body of advocates, appointed by the Governor, who promote quality of life for people with developmental disabilities, their families and the community at large through demonstration initiatives and grants with potential for replication and systemic change.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$897,034

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$897,800

Number of people in Mississippi with developmental disabilities (approx.): 36,596

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Promoted “Best Practices” in employment, community living, child development and other service areas.
- Developed demonstration School-To-Work project in public schools.
- Developed a Marketing Plan (Portfolio) for state wide job developers.
- Developed an employment initiative for court ordered youth.
- Funded/supported parent and consumer empowerment activities.
- Promoted disabilities public awareness activities.
- Developed model services for children with autism.
- Developed a family support guide for survivors of brain injury.
- Developed a sports safety awareness program for children.
- Provided for in-home assistive technology demonstrations.
- Promoted empowerment support and training for people with disabilities and their families.
- Leveraged money to continue the support of services/programs.
- Conducted on-going needs assessments with family members, consumers and service providers.

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assist communities in their efforts to
include all people in every aspect of life.*

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$1,268,191

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$1,269,274

Number of people in Missouri with developmental disabilities (approx.): 92,107

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Home of Your Own: In 1995, Missouri was selected as one of five new states to participate in the Home of Your Own Alliance (HOYO). HOYO is demonstrating that low-income people with significant disabilities can be homeowners without relying on human service programs to provide both housing and supports. Spearheaded by the DD Council investment of staff and funds, a broad-based, multi-disability coalition was formed. Missouri's 3-year initiative will assist a minimum of 10 people with disabilities per year to own their own homes. The aim is to build capacity on a local level to continue the process beyond the grant period. Several local HOYO teams are operating and assisting individuals to become homeowners. HOYO leverages state, federal and local moneys for down payment assistance, closing costs, maintenance costs and home loans. The Department of Mental Health provides in-kind staff assistance through its housing team and has been instrumental in reaching and assisting people connected with the DMH system.

Self-Determination: The Missouri Council is sponsoring its third class of Partners in Policymaking. Forty-six individuals, 35 parents and 11 self-advocates, have graduated from Missouri Partners since 1995. Twenty-three

Partners, five of whom are self-advocates, are participating in the current class. Many graduates have become very active in their regions and expressed their growing confidence in working effectively with policymakers. Partners have been diligent in their contacts with policy makers at all levels and provide them with information about how people with disabilities and their families are affected by changes in the system. Various organizations continually seek out Partners graduates as resources.

Regional Advisory Network: The Missouri Council invests in the 11 regional advisory councils to provide a local system of planning and advocacy to improve supports and services for people with developmental disabilities at the local level. The regional advisory councils on developmental disabilities are private, not-for-profit organizations whose primary purpose is to advocate for improvement in the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and their families. The partnership between the regional councils and the State Council is long-standing and is a method used by the State Council to maintain its presence in the field and ensure communication between the state and local levels.

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The Montana Developmental Disabilities Council believes that all people have the potential to direct their own lives; make positive contributions to society; be productive members of the community; and should have individualized assistance to take advantage of this potential. The Council advocates to expand and improve services and supports for people with developmental disabilities and provides advice on how improvements can best be achieved.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$402,062

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$402,062

Number of people in Montana with developmental disabilities (approx.): 15,800

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Parents as Casemanagers: To increase the level of control over the delivery of services and supports that families with children with developmental disabilities receive, the Council funds a demonstration project to train a small, carefully selected group of motivated parents to serve as primary casemanagers for their own children. The idea is not to replace the existing case management system for children, but to supplement it where parents have the interest, motivation and ability to function in this capacity. It is anticipated that the number of parents who select this as an option, if it is adopted system-wide, will be small, but very important to those families who are interested in such involvement.

Montana Career Design Institute: The Council funds the Montana University Affiliated Rural Institute on Disabilities to provide intensive on-site staff training in positive behavioral supports, person-centered planning, natural supports, community involvement, supported employment techniques, PASS Plan creation and implementation, and on-site technical assistance to three rural Montana providers. The Montana Career Design Initiative will create integrated employment opportunities for people with a dual diagnosis or severe behavioral problems. People with challenging behaviors are frequently not considered for supported employment programs, especially in rural areas where specialized staff is limited.

Health Care: The Council has funded the Department of Public Health and Human Services

to create a video for health care professionals to help them assess the health of people with developmental disabilities. Many health care professionals, especially in rural areas, do not have an understanding of developmental disabilities or the implications of those disabilities on the "doctor/patient" relationship. The video provides information on variables to consider and serves as a referral source for health care professionals to acquire additional information.

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome: Previous Council grants provided medical and genetic information and screening regarding FAS. The Council currently funds information for teachers and family members about educational and teaching strategies to assist children with FAS to succeed in school and at home.

Statewide Strategic Planning: The Council, with all other system stakeholders, including thirty-two people with developmental disabilities and family members, is engaging in a strategic planning process identifying ways to improve the current service system. The task force is analyzing the existing service system, identifying the positive aspects, and determining areas in need of improvement. Recommendations and a coherent plan will be submitted to individuals and organizations responsible for approving and overseeing the changes. The commitment of all parties to engage in the process will ensure results.

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The mission of the Nebraska Developmental Disabilities Council is to continuously promote independence, productivity and integration of people with developmental disabilities by providing them opportunities equal to those of all citizens to attain the least restrictive lifestyle possible.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$407,302

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$407,650

Number of people in Nebraska with developmental disabilities (approx.): 48,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Employment: The Council funded the Ralston School Foundation to successfully match high school students with jobs in the Omaha community. A parent and a youth group were organized to provide support for finding and keeping jobs. The Council also funds *Career Solutions*, a project which identifies successful curricula to teach individuals with disabilities how to find and retain employment.

People cannot go to work without transportation. The Council funded the League of Human Dignity in Norfolk to organize a community team representing all those with various interests to investigate the need for public transportation and develop a plan to increase accessible transportation.

Self-Determination: The Council supported the Arc of Nebraska to conduct *Partners in Policymaking* in the Lincoln area which provided intensive leadership training to twenty-three individuals with disabilities and family members. The Council also funded The Arc initiative to conduct a leadership-training institute for the staff and Boards of seven advocacy groups.

The Council funded *People First of Nebraska*, a self-advocacy organization, to hire a state advisor to support and assist their Board and their local chapters.

Services for Children: The Council funded Chadron State College to include children with disabilities in their child care program and provide staff training, parent support and teaching opportunities for their

college students. The Council also funded the Lincoln YWCA child care programs, which increased collaboration between the YWCA and Lincoln public schools.

The Council supported an initiative by the Douglas County Health Department to increase participation of medical personnel in Early Intervention Services.

With the Department of Social Services, the Council supported the Boystown National Research Hospital to develop training materials on the special risk of abuse for children with disabilities. This involved statewide training for key personnel in social services, the disability field, education and law enforcement.

Local Needs: The Nebraska Council has a network of six regional Developmental Disabilities Councils, local volunteer groups of service providers, persons with disabilities, their families and advocates. Each council receives \$3,000 from the State Council to address local needs in the Council's priority areas.

Managed Care and Long Term Services: A representative of the Council served on a committee to assist in the development of Nebraska's Medicaid managed care system in relation to people with disabilities. The Council sponsored a workshop on Medicaid Managed Care for individuals with disabilities, advocacy groups and service providers. The Council also worked on the Medicaid Long Term Care Project to reduce long term care costs and increase community options.

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State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$402,062
State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$402,406
Number of People with Developmental Disabilities (approx.): 31,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Supported Housing: With an initial investment of \$250,000 in 1991, Nevada has attracted more than \$16 million in funding for supported housing. Three affordable, accessible apartment complexes have been built to-date, with a fourth under construction and a fifth in its initial planning stages. Dozens of Nevadans with Developmental Disabilities now live independently -- in a housing complex that is consumer controlled -- rather than dependent on family or in an institution.

Home of Your Own (HOYO): In 1996 the Council provided \$106,000 in seed funding to begin a Home of Your Own Program in Nevada. During its first year of operation, the program helped 12 people with disabilities purchase their first home through no-interest, no-payment loans that assisted with closing costs and mortgage buy downs. Additionally, HOYO raised \$427,000 in non-DD funding to supplement the Council commitment and to ensure greater housing opportunities for Nevadans with disabilities. To further strengthen the program, Fannie Mae committed \$1 million in first mortgage funding through an underwriting experiment.

Respite Services: By working with the Nevada Legislature, \$57,000 in annual funding was secured for respite services to families receiving personal assistance services. Where those families previously had to pay for respite (if they could afford it), they can now have up to 120 hours per year to give them a break from the care-giving process.

A small Council grant to the Nevada Respite Coalition organized the many respite providers in the state. A centrally operated and regularly updated provider database is available to Nevada families, and the Council is making grants to existing

providers to expand services and build program self-sufficiency.

Traumatic Brain Injury: In 1991 the Council won a state appropriations of \$300,000 annually to start and operate a Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation program. While that annual allotment has not increased, the program now provides over \$3.8 million in services annually, mostly to uninsured and underinsured Nevadans. Additionally, the Council co-sponsors an annual conference on TBI.

Other Programs: The Council has brought several other programs to Nevada's DD population, including: a professionally directed, consumer implemented autism intervention program; a formalized recreation program for individuals living in supported housing; a leadership development program that helps consumers gain knowledge and experience needed to represent the disability community; and a volunteer program to bring dental services to low income Nevadans with developmental disabilities.

Legislation: During the 1997 Biennial Nevada Legislature, the Council helped to craft and pass a bill enabling a Medicaid waiver program to expand community services to people at risk of institutionalization. The Council will host and co-sponsor the 1998 National Home and Community Based Waiver Conference. Another bill passed provides important consumer protections in their dealing with HMOs. In the interest of creating greater availability of supported housing, the Council drafted and helped pass a bill to facilitate the donation of land by Nevada municipalities and funding stream through real estate transfer taxes.

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State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$399,556

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$402,406

Number of people in New Hampshire with developmental disabilities (approx.): 20,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As we move toward the new millennium, there are many opportunities to collaborate with communities to increase the inclusion of people with disabilities in the labor force, schools and many community organizations and associations throughout New Hampshire.

1997 has been a critical year to lay the foundation for a movement toward self-determination; strengthen the consumer and family role in deciding their own priorities; and align resources with needs. Following are summaries of some of our most recent accomplishments.

Education Services and Costs: In conjunction with the NH Department of Education and the University Affiliated Program, the Council convened community forums to address the rising concern of increased educational costs of students with special needs. These forums are conducted in communities using local cost models to discuss the true nature and structure of special education programs and costs and benefits to the community. These forums have been well received and aid in the understanding of educational law, cost analysis, and value-added features of educating all children in neighborhood schools. There will be more forums next fiscal year.

Consumer-Directed ADA Training: The Council continued its support to the Regional Action Committees (local groups of people with disabilities) to conduct on-site assessments of public accommodations to meet the requirements of the ADA. Their success in having facilities modify their structures has been attributed to the personal, face-to-face contact and a personalized approach.

Proprietors and managers of public accommodations are better able to understand and respond, in a non-litigious manner, to the accommodation needs of people with disabilities. The Council expects to continue supporting this activity next year.

Consumer Bill of Rights/Managed Care: The Council played a significant role in the legislative debate to protect consumer rights under Managed Care. Legislation was analyzed to assure consumer protection under the changing insurance schemes to move toward managed care. This issue will continue to require a great deal of Council focus next year.

Voter Access: Nearly one-third of the state's polling places was surveyed for accessibility during last year's elections. Many sites were found to be out of compliance with varying degrees of understanding about the issues. Although NH has a same-day registration law, polling places had several barriers to people who wish to physically access polling sites. The Council will continue to assist communities, and the state, to comply with access laws.

Direct Care Leadership Development: As NH, and the nation, move toward self-determination models to support people with developmental disabilities in communities, the Council responds to the need to understand the new role for people who provide the greatest support to consumers. The Council provides guidance and support for an annual caregivers' conference where these issues are addressed. This conference will evolve into leadership series to increase competencies among direct service workers and help redefine the role they must play in relation to consumers, their families and their communities.

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State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$3,967,936

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$3,971,323

Number of people in New York with developmental disabilities (approx.): 295,150

The New York State Developmental Disabilities Council is committed to the principles of value, independence and dignity for all people with developmental disabilities. Through our initiatives, we promote inclusion and integration of all people with developmental disabilities into the community so that they can live life on their own terms.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Family Support: The Council made substantial investments to demonstrate various types of family supports. A Council funded needs assessment documented the need for a legislative appropriation. In 1991, when funding was threatened, a Council-formed task force recommended that a family support program be established in statute. Legislation was enacted in 1992 incorporating many of these recommendations. Almost 49,000 families are now served by the Family Support Program.

Early Childhood Education: The Council helped change attitudes of providers and families throughout New York about involving children with and without disabilities in the same early childhood programs and activities. In 1996, the Council provided small grants to twenty local agencies to include children with disabilities. Providers used Council funds to develop more creative and effective ways to use existing funds. More than 330 families were served, and 400 more benefited from training and linkages to other services.

Youth Leadership: The Council had nine Youth Leadership Demonstration projects to include youth with developmental disabilities into school and community life with their non-disabled peers. Each project included skills using technology, community service activities, employment opportunities and social development. Approximately 300 youth were involved.

Personal Assistance: As a result of ADD's three year grant of National Significance to the Council, NY passed legislation mandating Consumer-Directed Personal Assistance. These projects focus on employing people with developmental disabilities as administrators of personal assistants. A statewide vendors' association, comprised of all new Consumer-Directed Personal Assistance programs, was created. The Council is also conducting a comprehensive evaluation of current consumer-directed programs of personal assistance.

Employment: The Council funded the Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID) to pilot use of telecommuting technology to deliver

comprehensive career-oriented rehabilitation services. The pilot program, *Office Without Walls*, includes assessment, job development, and employment assistance. VESID counselors received computers and software necessary to provide a full array of services to individuals at home and in the business community and served over 1,100 people, more than 170 of whom secured employment. The VESID's employment placement average increased by 14 consumers per counselor.

Job Placement: The Council is piloting innovative approaches to job development that link as many agencies as possible in designated communities, eliminating duplication among agencies. Consortium agencies give up job/employer "ownership" and join together to provide employment information to individuals with developmental disabilities. The Council is demonstrating the viability of an on-site partnership with employers in large, concentrated employment settings, e.g. shopping malls and office complexes (NYC World Trade Center and Penn Station). This increases the likelihood that individuals with developmental disabilities will become gainfully employed.

Homes: The Council funded a Home of Your Own project, using private development and federal housing funds from Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Project leaders are developing a HUD technical assistance unit within OMRDD. HUD, the NYS Housing Finance Agency and NYS Mortgage agencies comprise an interagency team to plan, design and implement funding and contractual obligations, promote home ownership training and monitor the project. The project secured a Fannie Mae Home Choice Award of \$1.2 million and \$375,000 in home grants from the State Division of Housing and Community Renewal. In addition, OMRDD provider agencies received \$46 million in HUD 811 Awards in the past three years to help families. Such publications as *Getting Connected* and *How Do I Get There From Here?* were developed for individuals with developmental disabilities and families seeking home ownership.

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State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$402,062

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$402,406

Number of people in North Dakota with developmental disabilities (approx.): 7,027

The North Dakota Council promotes systems change that enhances quality of life and improves service systems for our citizens with developmental disabilities. The Council also supports projects which provide direct services resulting in immediate and long-term benefits to individuals.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mobile Service Project: The Council developed a Mobile Service Project, a cost effective outreach approach to providing adaptive equipment services to people with disabilities in their home communities. The project provides services such as seating and positioning, mobility, environmental control, work and classroom adaptations, and daily living. The Project made 470 direct client contacts in 22 communities. These contacts have generated over 209 adaptive devices and modification or repair of 267 adaptive devices. Without this program, it is unlikely that disabled North Dakotans with adaptive equipment needs would have access to such assistance.

Unified Sports: With DD Council startup funding, North Dakota Special Olympics initiated a Unified Sports Program, creating teams of athletes with developmental disabilities and nondisabled athletes for training and competition. During the 1995-96 season, 200 athletes with developmental disabilities participated in soccer, team handball and volleyball with 124 nondisabled athletes onto 40 teams across North Dakota to compete and have social opportunities not otherwise available to them.

Transportation: In North Dakota, people with disabilities are far more dependent on public transportation than the state's general population. Unfortunately, public transit, even when available, is not always accessible, reliable or consistent. Thanks to startup funding provided by the Council, Bismarck and Mandan combined formerly fragmented and autonomous transit programs into a consolidated, accessible, community-wide public transportation system. Known as Bis-Man Transit, this more efficient system provides essential transit services for

everyone in the two communities, including people with disabilities. Bis-Man Transit provided a total of 188,030 rides of which 100,281 (53.3 percent) were for passengers with disabilities, 50.2% of which were to get to and from jobs, and 28.6% for social, leisure and recreation activities, including shopping. Without this public transportation system, most users of this service who have disabilities would not have been able to work, shop for necessities, or be involved in the community.

Optimal Pregnancy Outcomes: A long-standing goal of the North Dakota Council is to promote public awareness about how to prevent or minimize the impact of disabilities through early intervention. One strategy was to establish in each substate region of North Dakota, Optimal Pregnancy Outcome Programs (OPOP's). Using a multi-disciplinary team approach (nursing, social work and nutritional services), these cooperative programs provide prenatal and neonatal care for women and infants who, because of environmental and/or economic circumstances, are at risk and unable or unlikely to obtain such care. OPOP services promote healthier babies, resulting in health care cost savings. OPOP served 337 pregnant women (101 teenagers) ranging in age from 15 to 39 years old. Only fifteen of these pregnancies resulted in premature births, a favorable rate considering the high risk population served.

Corporate Guardianship: In 1984, the Council provided startup funds for Corporate Guardianship Services sponsored by Catholic Family Service of North Dakota. The program, now funded with state funds, provides guardianship services to 317 people with developmental disabilities statewide who otherwise would not have an individual guardian.

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It is the mission of the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council to serve as an advocate for systems change, to prevent developmental disabilities and empower all people with developmental disabilities to make informed choices so they can become independent, productive, fully integrated and included in their communities and into the fabric of our society.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$2,935,874

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$2,744,432

Number of people in Ohio with developmental disabilities (approx.): 200,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Self Determination: In 1995, the Council assisted county boards of mental retardation and developmental disabilities to use a person centered planning approach to service delivery. During 1997 the project efforts were combined with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation National Self-Determination grant received by the ODMR/DD. Each local community created personal support plans and developed individual budgets to shift the control, power, resources and authority from the current systems to individuals with disabilities.

Early Intervention and Education: The Council's involvement in the growth and development of Ohio's children has spanned the greater part of two decades. In the early 1980's, the Council developed a collaborative early intervention process that is now operational in all 88 Ohio Counties which greatly influenced our Governor's Family and Children First Initiative. This program became the model for Part H, Early Intervention Program, in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (I.D.E.A.). By 1997, the Council will have provided over \$1 million up-front in cooperation with the Ohio Division of Special Education and the University of Dayton to assist schools to successfully include children with DD in regular classrooms.

Community Integration Training Tools: The Ohio Council supported a series of videos on community integration. All have been strong additions to pre-service or post-graduate curricula in universities nationwide. *The Ten Commandments of Communication with People with Disabilities* won CINDY and CHRIS awards in business training and was selected "Best of the Best" by *Successful Meetings* magazine. A Council video titled "Unfinished Business" also won a CHRIS award.

Managed/Health Care: A statewide training program helps individuals, families, and advocates understand and negotiate managed care coverage. Ten trainings were conducted focusing on "nuts and bolts" information and skills needed to make choices within managed care plans. Two additional "train the trainers" were conducted in 1996, with at least five more planned for 1997. These trainings provide advanced, in-depth, information and tools for persons who wish to serve as local "navigators" (resource providers) to assist people with questions or problems. The Council also published *Long-Term Services, Supports, and Care Report* with specific recommendations on eligibility and access, gatekeeper and care coordination, services and supports, and systems coordination.

Employer Connections and Career Planning: This Council initiative resulted in 43 people with developmental disabilities obtaining jobs, accomplished by training staff of county boards of mental retardation and developmental disabilities and other agencies in person centered planning and best practices. A manual, *Best Practices: Strategies that Enhance Supported Employment*, and other materials were developed.

Transportation: Transportation is one of the biggest barriers to employment and other community opportunities. The Council formed partnerships with the Dept. of MR/DD, Independent Living Centers, and the Dept. of Transportation to address the issue. In addition, a state level task force is developing recommendations to the Governor and Department of Transportation. The Council expects that at least one recommendation will be implemented and other system changes will be made in at least 25 Ohio counties between 1998 and 2001.

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The mission of the Oregon DD Council is to join with Oregonians with developmental disabilities and their families to promote change leading to a more accessible and inclusive world.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$672,363

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$672,936

Number of people in Oregon with developmental disabilities (approx.): 30,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since 1995, the Oregon DD Council has played a key role in leveraging over \$4 million for programs and services benefiting Oregonians with developmental disabilities and their families.

Respite Care: Since 1993, the Oregon Council leveraged over \$1.4 million for respite services to families, technical assistance, service coordination and research.

Since the inception of the Council's Respite Care Initiative in May 1994, the number of trained providers in Oregon has more than tripled (362) and eight times as many families (544) are using respite care services.

A bill passed in 1995 allows the state to contract directly with local private agencies when counties decline to offer services.

In June 1996, the Office of DD Services assumed funding for the Initiative, which provides statewide coordination and technical assistance for respite care services. The Council continues as project manager.

Homes and Community Supports: Since 1995, the Oregon Council's Home Of Your Own (HOYO) Program has generated \$255,000 in grants to assist individuals in becoming home owners and \$10,000 for rental assistance.

By early 1997, the HOYO Program assisted ten individuals and couples to become home owners. Twenty-five others who are unserved or underserved by the disabilities service system received assistance to obtain low income housing and community supports.

Health Care: The Council's Health Policy Initiative (1995-96) had a major influence in shaping Oregon Health Plan policies and practices that affect people with developmental disabilities.

Thousands of individuals received information, training and technical assistance to help them make sound choices regarding health care.

Services to Children: The Oregon Council was instrumental in the creation of the Medically Fragile Children's Unit in 1996, which serves about 40 children who live at home and have medical conditions that require intensive intervention.

The Oregon Council was also instrumental in the creation of the Unit for Children with Disabilities and their Families within the Mental Health and DD Services Division. The Unit provides a single point of entry and responsibility for children with disabilities and their families.

Family Support: The Council worked to pass legislation in 1995 requiring the Department of Human Resources to begin converting case management resources to family support consultant resources and to train agencies in the philosophy of family support.

The Oregon Council was instrumental in developing a training curriculum and implementation plan, and securing grant funds to hire the project coordinator and trainer for this initiative.

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The mission of the Puerto Rico Developmental Disabilities Council is to improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities by promoting local policies that permit the independence, productivity, integration and inclusion of people with developmental disabilities into the community.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$2,269,607
State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$2,381,894
Number of people in Puerto Rico with developmental disabilities (approx.): 176,102

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Child Development: The Puerto Rico Developmental Disabilities Council promoted the inclusion and independence of individuals with developmental disabilities and the orientation of parents of children with developmental disabilities in the areas of inclusion and empowerment. One of the projects supported by the Council conducted 10 training sessions related to inclusion and empowerment for 200 parents and professionals in the 7 regions of the Education Department.

Another successful child development project was with the Service Centers for Children with HIV/AIDS. It consisted of support services to improve the quality of life of infected and affected children with HIV/AIDS and their parents.

The Council also sponsored the establishment of a Braille Printing Press to produce textbooks in Braille and large print. The books are donated to the Education Department for elementary school children with visual disabilities. The books will also be distributed to universities and the regional libraries for the blind of Puerto Rico. Eventually other Spanish speaking people in other states and countries will benefit from this project.

Employment: The Puerto Rico DD Council sponsored a model employment project to provide real, sustained work experiences for adolescents and young adults with developmental disabilities. It consisted of training in the preparation of frozen foods. Throughout the workshop, participants were trained and evaluated to measure their capabilities to be integrated into the workforce under supported employment. Of 20 participants, 10 stayed at the Center working in the mini-industry of frozen foods.

Their job training also includes catering services to banks, hospitals, government and other private industries. The ultimate goal is that the participants will become owners of the business.

For the last two years, the Council, its staff, professionals from the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, and Willamette Valley Resources have engaged in a process of open communication with many communities across Puerto Rico to identify the strategies that would best serve employment needs of people with developmental disabilities in Puerto Rico.

Mr. Dennis Sandow of Willamette Valley Resources developed employment forums across the Island and produced an Employment Policy Document that the Council will submit as its recommendations to the Senate and the Governor.

The broad principle of the Policy Statement is that people with developmental disabilities will have the opportunity to choose employment services which (1) result in wages equal to those paid to employees without disabilities; (2) reflect a natural range of job opportunities; (3) rely on the resources of the employer as much as possible; and (4) use programmatic data to constantly improve the quality of employment services.

Community Living: The Puerto Rico DD Council sponsored a project of computer training and studies in liberal arts to youngsters and adults who are deaf, blind and deaf-blind that were integrated in the community. Participants are certified as craftsmen by the Culture Institute of Puerto Rico.

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It is the mission of the Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council to achieve, by the year 2000, a society in which individuals with disabilities feel that they belong, are independent, productive, integrated, and included.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$402,062

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$402,406

Number of people in Rhode Island with developmental disabilities (approx.): 18,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Preventing and Addressing Abuse and Neglect: The Council conducted human rights training for people with developmental disabilities, human rights committees, agency staff, and law enforcement personnel throughout the state. The Level I training curriculum includes a pictograph manual for persons who are non-verbal or do not read. Level II training, familiarizing participants with commonly occurring sensitive issues, provides for facilitated discussion of these issues through the use of an interactive format and hypothetical scenarios.

Quality In the Community: The Council funded the development of a training program for Personal Support Advocates (PSA's) to assist individuals with disabilities and their families to implement person or family centered plans for integrated, inclusive, independent, and productive living in their communities. The program provided the PSA's with 100 hours of training to help individuals and families identify and access quality services and supports, make choices, and develop support networks.

Employment: Based on previous research and other activities supported by the Council, a strategic plan for the Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS) was developed. The goals for FY 96 – FY 98 were to build better partnerships with people with disabilities, ORS staff and the community. The data provides powerful incentive for productive change and growth within ORS. The information will lead to initiatives in which the union between ORS and people with disabilities will become stronger and more productive in the future.

Self-Determination: The Council funded the development of a Rhode Island version of "Partners in Policymaking." The "Partners" project provides leadership training opportunities for self-advocates and family members so that they may become effective advocates on behalf of themselves and others. The "Partners" curriculum features across-disabilities representation with topics including networking, understanding the legislative process, and being a leader in the community. The project strives to empower participants to alter the future by creating systems change in disability areas.

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The mission of the South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council is to insure that individuals with disabilities and their families have a broad range of options when making life decisions.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$1,013,063

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$1,013,063

Number of people in South Carolina with developmental disabilities (approx.): 63,102

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Transition: The SC Council houses a State Transition Coordinator to develop teams in each county to successfully transition students with disabilities from school to higher education or jobs. In 1996, SC received a 5 year, \$2 million Transition Systems Change Grant from the U.S. Department of Education, a collaboration among the Departments of Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, the University Affiliated Program (UAP) and the Council. Three Regional Transition Coordinators provide technical assistance to all entities providing transition services; establish student-centered transition planning; outreach to youths with disabilities having difficulty transitioning into the community after school; infuse transition related courses into higher education curriculum; assist parents and consumers to become change agents in the transition process; and implement an evaluation system.

High Risk Infants: In the U.S., 1 in 2,000 babies is born with a neural tube defect, defects of the spine and brain. In SC it is 1 in 1,000 babies. In 1995, scientists at the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Greenwood Genetic Center identified a gene alteration that appears to predispose infants to these defects, explaining in part why folic acid protects against neural tube defects when taken properly. Researchers have seen a 40% decrease in the prevalence of neural tube defects in the last 3 years.

A public/private partnership increasing awareness for women of childbearing age to take a multivitamin containing folic acid every day is in its second successful year. This effort is a partnership among the CDC, the Greenwood Genetic Center, television stations across our state, the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs and the DD Council. The Council funded the development and distribution of 65,280 brochures on this topic.

Community Inclusion: The Council project at the SC State Museum, "Total Spectrum Access System," has made that museum one of the most accessible in the world. The project design team consists of persons with disabilities who make exhibits accessible with audio tapes, portable amplifiers and microphones, engraved tactile images, three dimensional scale replicas, user adjustable wheelchair mounted periscopes, infrared transmitted and personal receiver/amplifiers and captioning books. Since the beginning of this project, visitors with disabilities increased from 3,000 to 20,000 yearly.

Reaching the Unserved and Underserved: The Council funded the Minority Rural Outreach Project (MROP) through the Protection & Advocacy System for People with Disabilities, Inc., which provides information and referral services in rural areas.

Employment: "Extra Innings" is a used sporting goods store used to train persons with disabilities in the retail business. To date, 13 persons with disabilities have been placed in competitive employment earning wages, health care and retirement benefits. Seventy-three high school students have been trained.

Seniors and Family Support: "Successful Seniors," funded by the Council to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board of Charleston County, provides recreational opportunities for senior citizens with disabilities, involving the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, St. Andrews Parks and Playgrounds, the Charleston Recreation Department, Elder-Link and the Charleston County Senior Citizens Center. 22 individuals participate in a structured program of activities to meet their needs as they approach retirement and offer a safe, educational atmosphere.

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The Tennessee Developmental Disabilities Council provides leadership to ensure independence, productivity, integration and inclusion of individuals with disabilities in the community by promoting systems change.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$1,380,594

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$1,381,773

Number of people in Tennessee with developmental disabilities (approx.): 79,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Council Initiatives to Build Capacity: The Council works with other public and private groups to increase the capacity of communities, government programs and private organizations and services to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities.

Child Care: A joint project with the State Department of Human Services, Child Care Division, and Health, Maternal and Child Health Division, established nine regional centers for licensed public child care providers. Three centers provide training and technical assistance in appropriate developmental practices, health-related issues and the inclusion of children with disabilities.

Homeownership: With consultants from the National Home of Your Own Alliance and the Tennessee Network for Community Economic Development, five demonstration sites pull together community resources for individuals with disabilities to purchase their own homes. Two individuals purchased homes during the first six months of the project; 15 individuals will purchase homes in 1997-98.

Higher Education: A symposium and ongoing initiative with the Boling Center on Developmental Disabilities at UT-Memphis reformed curricula and practices at eight state universities in Tennessee. Participating institutions developed a strategic plan for preservice and inservice training and collaboration between education and special education programs.

Employment: A Corporate Marketing Initiative with UT-TIE Project increases employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities, involving corporate leaders to recruit other businesses to hire employees with disabilities.

Information and Referral: A statewide I&R phone line at the Kennedy Center at Vanderbilt University

provides a central point of information on services and supports.

Partners in Policymaking Leadership Institute: The Institute provides individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities state-of-the-art information on disability policy. In 1996, 20 individuals completed the course, for a total of 92. Partners graduates are taking leadership roles in both volunteer and professional capacities.

The Council Grant Program: The Council supports short term demonstrations to increase community inclusion.

Sports and Recreation: Unified Sport Project, Tennessee Special Olympics, included 500 athletes, with and without disabilities in various sports events to reculture a traditional disability program. A grant to United Cerebral Palsy of Middle Tennessee is reorganizing their special summer camp program so children with cerebral palsy will attend regular camps in the community.

Individual Supports: Impact Centers of Columbia and Buffalo River Services of Waynesboro train individuals to support individuals with mental retardation. Council also funded Austin Peay State University and Tennessee Tech University to establish assistive technology resource centers for students with disabilities.

Inclusion: Three school systems - Metro Nashville (Middle TN), Jackson-Madison (West TN) and Roane County (East TN), are promoting in 15 public schools. The Council has also funded a "peer buddy" program in a large high school and training to 100 families across the state.

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The Utah Developmental Disabilities Council mission is to create an environment in which people with disabilities direct their own lives and participate in the community by facilitating interagency and citizen planning, identifying needs, recommending policy, promoting partnerships, providing advocacy, evaluating and improving support systems.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$498,914

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$499,340

Number of people in Utah with developmental disabilities: 36,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Managed Care: The Managed Care Improvement Project (MCIP) for People with Disabilities examines managed health care as it affects all people with disabilities in Utah. MCIP seeks input from individuals and families, providers and organizations concerned about people with disabilities about the operations of managed care in Utah. The long range purpose of the MCIP is to increase awareness on the part of health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and State and local health agencies on access and quality issues for people with disabilities; to expand the capacity of managed care delivery systems to provide quality services to these populations; and to involve more consumers with disabilities and family members in policy or advisory capacities with public and private health organizations to ensure greater responsiveness to the unique needs of this population.

MCIP sub-committees have been established with separate charges.

Education Subcommittee: educates various groups about managed care, the health needs of people with disabilities, and cultural and ethnic realities and to produce "Self-Advocacy Intervention" for Medicaid Redesign Project.

Data/Specific Needs Subcommittee: gathers data and anecdotes about people with serious, chronic health needs served through managed care.

Technology Subcommittee: considers issues of assistive technology by HMOs, to identify present areas that need policy clarification, to work on MCIP Internet communication.

Questions Subcommittee: devises questions for Department of Health and HMOs to define issues for meetings.

MCIP is needed now because:

- Utah Medicaid requires all enrollees in Utah, Salt Lake, David, and Weber counties to select a health plan from among five managed care organizations.
- The majority of Utah workers and their dependents are in managed care programs insured through the workplace.
- People with disabilities often have chronic and low incidence conditions that require specialists, assistive technology and coordination.
- Limited data is available on people with disabilities served in managed care programs.

"Desert Friends" - Millard County Summer Enrichment: Parents and community volunteers operate this summer recreation program for kids with significant disabilities, who otherwise would not have summer activities in this rural desert community. An additional benefit is that high-risk youth are involved as peer supporters for the youth with disabilities.

Partners in Policymaking: PIP is leadership training for adults with disabilities and parents of young children with disabilities. PIP educates participants about "best practices" and teaches skills to influence public policy in local, state and national arenas.

"Justice 96" and Voter Registration Project: The Council and the Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities jointly sponsored a voter registration drive to increase participation in the 1996 elections by people with disabilities and to educate candidates for local, state and national office about disability policy.

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State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$399,556

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$420,475

Number of people in Vermont with developmental disabilities (approx.): 12,000

The Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council serves as a systems change agent working to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families have the services and supports they need to lead independent, productive lives in integrated and inclusive communities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Family Support: Families need supports and services to raise their children with disabilities and maintain the family unit. The Vermont Council determined how well families were being served, answering such questions as: What input/control did families have about supports they received? How much money went to direct services vs. administrative overhead? What services were duplicated across departments? Who is underserved/unserved by current services? The Council was unable to tease out of departmental budgets the resources directed to family support services. We presented our information and dilemma to legislators, which took three positive steps.

- changed existing law so parents of children with severe emotional/behavioral disturbance no longer have to give custody of their children to the state to receive residential support services. Parents retain involvement in decisions affecting their children and it is easier to reunite the family.
- created a Council for Families of Children with Significant Disabilities with majority membership by parents and young adults age 18-21 to advise the Secretary of Human Services on family support.
- formed a joint committee to review family support services, funding, and interagency coordination.

Employment: The Council provides support to the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities to make employers and the general public aware of the value of hiring people with disabilities. Governor Howard Dean, M.D., used Vermont Disability Awareness Day, an employer forum, to recognize outstanding employers who hired people with disabilities and made work site accommodations.

In addition to creating a TV PSA on the ability of people with disabilities, the Committee published in the Business Digest, ten "myths" about employing people with disabilities with a contact person listed for more information about each myth. Among those contacts were U.S. Senator James Jeffords, Governor Howard Dean, M.D., and Attorney General (now Chief Justice) Jeff Amestoy.

Self-Determination: People with developmental disabilities want to meet to discuss issues that affect their lives. Peer groups provide that opportunity. New groups were started in St. Albans and Bradford and two other communities have expressed an interest. Representatives of local groups participate on the statewide board, which met on Interactive Television, drawing 160 participants from all regions of the state.

Community Living: Because of outdated State statutes, the State department responsible for reviewing construction/renovation plans for accessibility was prohibited from basing their reviews on ADA standards. The Council worked with the department, architects and other advocates to craft and pass legislation to update and consolidate access standards for public accommodations and housing. The Council also added a representative of the building community to the Access Board charged with approving variance requests for construction projects. The Council works with the Dept. of Labor and Industry to write regulations to implement the new law. The Council is assisting the Department to design and implement a training program on the new regulations for Department staff, architects, builders and others.

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The Virginia Board for People with Disabilities promotes and facilitates the maximum independence, productivity, family support and community participation of people with disabilities through advocacy, education and prevention initiatives.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$1,314,577

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$1,443,415

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Virginia DD Council, called the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities promotes innovative ways to provide services in Virginia's service delivery network for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Early Intervention: Between 1985 and 1992, the Board supported over ten local programs providing services to infants and toddlers. Included in this total were grants that established infant intervention programs in South Boston, Nassawadox, Clifton Forge, Cedar Bluff, Goochland, and Lexington.

Respite Care: From 1985 through 1992, the Board provided start-up funding for respite care services in Winchester, Duffield, Richmond, Saluda and the Northern Neck, and Hampton.

Brain Injury: The Board was among the first groups to identify and address the needs of persons with brain injury in the Commonwealth. From 1986 to 1993, the Board supported 13 different direct service, training, and community education projects that formed the foundation for current efforts to meet the significant unmet needs of these individuals.

Family Support: Direct services targeted toward families of individuals with disabilities has been an ongoing priority. The Board has initiated family support programs in Roanoke, Vienna, Ashland, Culpeper, Norfolk, Lynchburg, Charlottesville, and numerous other communities. In the last few years, this commitment to systems change has expanded to include support for consumer-driven individual and family support policy coordination.

Personal Assistance Services: The Personal Assistance Services Program, jointly implemented by the state rehabilitation agency and the Centers for Independent Living, was initiated with a Developmental Disabilities grant in 1990 and has since expanded with general funds.

Transportation: The Board provides ongoing support to the Specialized Transportation Council and complements state funds with grants to the Council to develop model programs, and recently funded a long-term proposal to further develop a network of regional providers of specialized transportation.

Consumer Control: In its continued efforts to promote consumer control and decision-making over policy and service delivery, the Board has provided support to various local, grassroots consumer and advocacy organizations. Since 1991, the Board has funded projects of the Arc of Northern Virginia, Family Friends of the National Capitol Area, Inc., People First of Virginia, and the Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons.

In 1993 the Board funded two projects to provide consumers information needed in making independent decisions about private medical insurance and public health care services. Both projects developed resource guides and reports identifying key trends, service gaps, and recommendations for legislative or administrative consideration.

Self-Advocacy: The highly visible, highly successful Partners in Policymaking introduced in late 1993 provides participants with skills needed to change systems, their own lives, and to effect change on behalf of other people with disabilities. The program is well-known for creating a shared vision among participants that enlarges the base of disability rights advocates, who will create a network of highly motivated, powerful individuals who will successfully influence policymakers in the Commonwealth and at the national level.

Anti-Discrimination Training project: a major two-year training initiative begun in 1991, "Project ACT" mobilized people with disabilities to take an active, consistent role to promote and participate in the implementation of state and federal laws that prohibit discrimination against people with disabilities.

THE WASHINGTON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

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The mission of the Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council is to work collaboratively with people with developmental disabilities, families and guardians, service providers, advocates and policymakers to assure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to culturally competent, consumer/family-centered supports and other assistance that promote independence, productivity, integration and inclusion into the community of their choice.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$1,013,107

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$1,013,107

Number of people in Washington with developmental disabilities (approx.): 86,000

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Homes: 1996 was a highly successful year in the housing arena. The Council funds housing technical assistance at \$50,000 a year for three years. The Council, along with a housing coalition, successfully obtained a Home of Your Own Grant and is one of the states receiving funding under the Fannie Mae Mortgage Underwriting Project. We successfully obtained \$5 million in the state budget for housing under the Housing Trust Fund.

Cultural Diversity: The Council has extended its outreach to the state's culturally diverse communities. The Council reached out to the Spanish speaking communities in Eastern Washington by providing opportunities for parents of children with developmental disabilities to advocate for culturally appropriate services for school students. Building on previous successes, the Council launched five pilot projects to increase access to needed services in culturally diverse communities.

Quality Assurance: The Council funded a Quality Assurance Task Force to examine the existing quality assurance system and develop a model on quality outcome standards for all formal services which people with

developmental disabilities receive. During the 1997 Legislative Session, the Council, along with other advocacy organizations, sponsored legislation to create an ombudsman program to provide protections for people with developmental disabilities. The Council also supported establishing quality standards and was successful in obtaining funding for increased training of Adult Family Providers.

Leadership Development: The Council funded several projects to give future leaders information about developmental disabilities at the federal and state levels. The Council funded the "Advocacy Partnership Project" which includes Advocacy Day (an opportunity for people to visit their legislators at the state capitol), a team of trained volunteer self-advocates and parents who monitor legislation and present testimony; and support and assistance to people in their communities to meet with their legislators to share information and personal stories on the impact of disabilities on their lives. The Council is in its fifth year of funding its Leadership Developmental Program and has added two pilot projects in local communities replicating the statewide program.

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The West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council's mission is to assure that West Virginians with developmental disabilities receive the services and opportunities they need to achieve independence, productivity and inclusion in their communities.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$726,832

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$727,452

Number of People in West Virginia with developmental disabilities (approx.): 32,864

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Homes: West Virginians with developmental disabilities have limited access to accessible, affordable housing in both the rental and purchase markets. In FY '97 the Council funded a home ownership project in collaboration with a regional ARC. The ARC of Harrison County has also received a technical assistance grant from the National Home of Your Own Alliance. In the first year of this project, groundwork was laid, contacts were established in the business and banking communities, applicants are being screened, and an Advisory Council has been activated. It is anticipated that one family will have purchased a newly constructed, accessible home before June 30, and that several others will be in process. The project is concentrating on two regions in West Virginia, but is open to anyone in the state.

Transition from Institution to Community: The West Virginia DD Council supports the transition of people with developmental disabilities from large state institutions to smaller community-based settings. The Council works with residents and their families to understand the process; help individuals select a new home and make the move; works with receiving agency staff to ascertain needs and develop the Individual Program Plans

(IPP); provides technical assistance; and works with the Developmental Disabilities Division in the Department of Health and Human Resources to make funding and service commitments to ensure quality services and supports.

Leadership Development: The Council embraces the concepts of self-advocacy, self-empowerment and determination and consumer leadership. To that end, the West Virginia DD Council sponsors two critical programs. The longest running effort has been the Community Integration Project, which provides stipends for people with developmental disabilities and their family members to attend workshops, conferences, and other events. In 1996 the project provided stipends to 263 people, sponsored five in-state conferences, and coordinated efforts of the WV Jobs Campaign. The project also supports public awareness activities such as producing *Fair Shake*, a popular consumer magazine. The other effort we are proud of is our Partners in Policy-Making program for people with disabilities and their families. Fifty-five people over three years have graduated from this intensive training program that teaches people to effectively advocate for themselves and others with disabilities.

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State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$1,220,853

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$1,229,561

Number of people in Wisconsin with developmental disabilities (approx.): 100,000

The Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities is dedicated to improving the independence, productivity and integration of people with developmental disabilities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Council sponsored a summit meeting which brought together fifty-five experts, leaders, advocates, and policy makers from throughout the state. Participants discussed legislative and organizational initiatives in welfare programs and the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and their impact on the employment of people with disabilities. Participants specifically looked at integrating the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) into the newly created DWD. A month before the summit meeting, four stakeholder focus groups were conducted with representatives from the "Survival Group" (a coalition of advocates for people with disabilities), state and county agencies, service provider groups, and advocate groups for people with disabilities, to obtain their perceptions of the impact of welfare reform and the integration of DVR within DWD on the employment of people with disabilities. Based on the focus groups and the summit, an action plan and five action teams were established to address key issues. A second summit held in the Spring updated participants on activities of the action teams; revised the action plan; and amended activities of the action plan.

HIV Counseling and Voluntary Testing for Pregnant Women:

The Council provides pregnant women and health providers with information to prevent and minimize the effects of HIV on pregnancy to reduce the incidence of pediatric HIV. HIV may be transmitted from a woman to a child during pregnancy, during the birth process, and through breast-feeding. There is evidence that more than half of transmissions occur close to, or at the time of, labor and delivery. Risk can be greatly reduced by the administration of drugs. The Council purchased pamphlets for primary care providers and for pregnant women on voluntary testing of HIV, HIV treatment, and lessening the risk of HIV. This partnership with the Medical College of

Wisconsin, the Wisconsin HIV Primary Care Support Network, and the Wisconsin Association for Prenatal Care enabled primary care providers throughout the state to receive training on the voluntary testing of pregnant women for HIV.

Respite Care Services: Lack of respite care services for children with disabilities continues to be a problem for families, particularly with welfare reform initiatives starting. Working with the Respite Care Association of Wisconsin, the Council funded research; training materials for respite providers and families; purchased respite care materials for the public library; designed and disseminated a statewide newsletter on respite care; produced a public awareness campaign; and established a speaker and resource bureau on respite care.

Law Enforcement Project: The Council provided technical assistance to the WI Dept. of Justice (DOJ) training and standards bureau as it revised its training standards and learning objectives for all police recruits. For the first time, the standards now include content on developmental disabilities. Following the adoption of the revised standards, the Council will work with DOJ, police department academies, vocational technical college system and the University of Wisconsin to develop and implement police training curriculum on disability issues based on the new standards.

Psychopharmacology Project: The Council produced *No Easy Answers*, a practical manual on approaches and best practices for safer, more effective, and appropriate use of psychotropic medications by people with developmental disabilities. It forms the basis for statewide training sessions to be held that will be both educational and awareness raising.

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The Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities seeks and advocates for activities which promote self sufficiency, community involvement, and educational opportunities for people with disabilities, their families, and the Wyoming community.

State DD Allotment (FY 1996): \$402,062

State DD Allotment (FY 1997): \$402,046

Number of people in Wyoming with developmental disabilities (approx.): 8,643

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Family Support: The family support network is an on-going Council effort using volunteer parent coordinators to educate and empower individuals with disabilities, their families, and guardians by providing them with information on how to access existing services, identifying gaps in the services they receive, providing support and information necessary for them to make informed decisions, and how to communicate with educators and policymakers.

The Network has 25 volunteer coordinators in 15 of the 23 counties of Wyoming. The coordinators provide continued support through educational and informational avenues to the family support groups in the local communities. The network is the cornerstone of the Council's outreach activities.

Cheyenne Employer Development Initiative: The Council funded the Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (WIND) at the University of Wyoming to develop employment opportunities for people with disabilities. WIND develops jobs and provides on-the-job natural supports for people with developmental disabilities in partnership with Cheyenne area businesses. This project will be replicated in other communities in Wyoming.

Volunteer Guardianship: The Council is a leader in promoting public guardianship. The Council started the Volunteer Guardianship Project, after the State Office of Public Guardianship was discontinued due to the loss of funding. The Council project absorbed the entire caseload. The Project demonstrates the advantages of providing trained volunteers for people who need guardianship assistance.

The Volunteer Guardianship Project is in the process of becoming an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation with its own Board of Directors. The Council's project led to a permanent guardianship service delivery system in the state. The Wyoming Guardianship Corporation is the only organization of its kind in the state, and the only one providing these kinds of services.

Starting a non-profit organization was a creative and innovative solution to help Wyoming address the needs of those individuals that need assistance in making certain life decisions when there is no family member able to assume those responsibilities. The Program currently serves 71 individuals who are matched with volunteer guardians. There are also 5 people waiting for a match to be made.

Physical Therapy Assistant's Program: The Council played a key role in developing the Physical Therapy Assistant Associate Degree program at Central Wyoming College to address the chronic shortage of Physical Therapy (PT) services in Wyoming. Due to the expansive geographical space in the state, the logistics of providing PT services state-wide is difficult. PT Assistants can perform prescribed treatments under the supervision of a licensed PT. One PT can supervise several assistants, so this initiative expands the existing service delivery system. Currently there are 32 students enrolled in the program, with over 100 people interested in enrolling. The first group of 15 students is set to graduate this spring.

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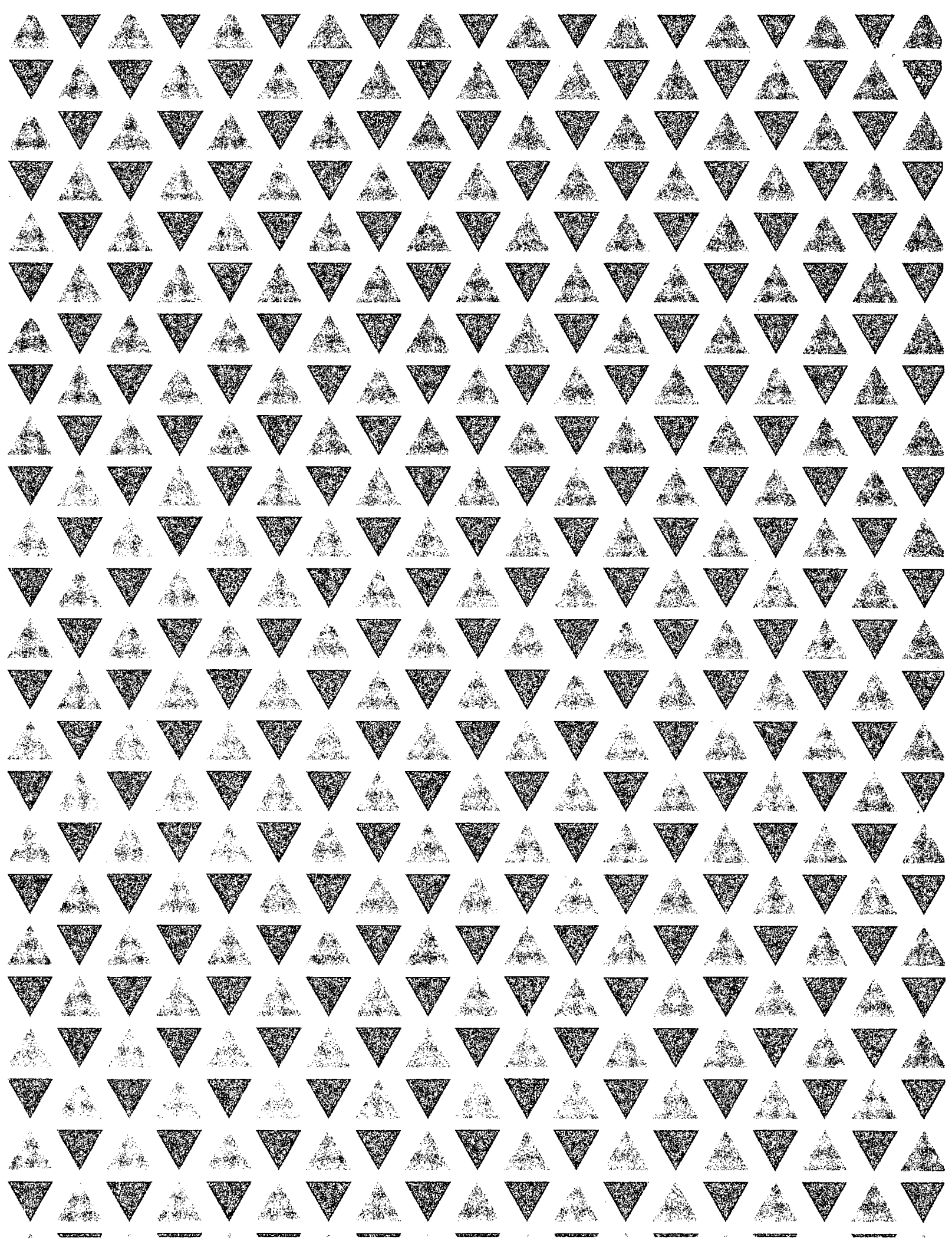
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HIGHLIGHTS OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL
ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FY 1997
IN RESPONSE TO THE
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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCILS: KEY RESULTS IN 1997

FY 1997 was the first year that Developmental Disabilities Councils used a reporting systems to measure results. FY 1997 provided Councils first experience with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and a great deal has been learned about how to report effectively the accomplishments of this Federal program. The following is an overview of some of the major outcomes achieved by Councils in 1997. Councils' 1998 Annual Reports have just been submitted and are being compiled and analyzed as of this writing.

DD Councils exist because there have been and continue to be insufficient services and supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families in the United States. Quality is uneven where they do exist. Prejudice and fears are present in communities which should include people with developmental disabilities. Councils exist to change these circumstances. To do so, they conduct an array of activities to influence changes in systems of all kinds so that they include people with developmental disabilities in the life of American communities.

- ✓ DD Councils demonstrate new approaches showing what the possibilities are, by actually providing services to a small number of people.
- ✓ DD Councils train service providers in best practices to ensure quality and use of the latest methods.
- ✓ DD Councils identify, reach out to, train and assist people who are unserved and underserved, such as members of minority groups and people living in rural areas.
- ✓ DD Councils train people with developmental disabilities and family members in self-advocacy, about best practices, and how to overcome policy barriers and take advantage of policy opportunities.
- ✓ DD Councils help neighborhoods and communities respond positively and include people with developmental disabilities in their activities and educate the general public about the needs and capabilities of people with developmental disabilities.
- ✓ DD Councils work within government with state and local public agencies to influence policies that reflect best practices and to include people with developmental disabilities and their families in policy planning, services and supports.
- ✓ DD Councils conduct policy research and make recommendations, working with legislators and other policy makers at all levels of government to ensure that public policies equitably and appropriately address the needs of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

These activities create new programs, improve current ones, leverage funds for services and supports and result in the integration and inclusion of people with developmental disabilities into American life. DD Council Program Performance Reports (PPRs) for 1997 detail successes like the ones that follow. All 54 Councils' PPRs are included in this compilation.

1. **Transportation.** Lack of available, accessible and affordable transportation is one of the greatest barriers faced by many people with developmental disabilities to live, work and be included in the community. In 1997, just 5 DD Councils leveraged over \$1.37 million to expand transportation services.
2. **Family Support.** One of the major reasons that families end up sending their children with disabilities to residential placements outside of the family home is that there are insufficient supports to make caring for them at home possible. Often, families can't afford to have one parent not working to stay home with their children. Financial crises often force families to make the devastating decision to place their sons and daughters in residential facilities. In 1997, 30 DD Councils, through various initiatives, enabled over 31,000 families to receive enough support to care for their family members at home. Activities of 22 Councils leveraged more than \$93 million for family support services.
3. **Employment.** People with developmental disabilities experience unemployment at significantly higher rates than people without disabilities. The 1994 study by the Census Bureau estimated that 73.9% of adults with disabilities are unemployed. In 1997, 13 DD Councils conducted short-term demonstrations to show that people with developmental disabilities are good, dependable workers in regular jobs. Because of demonstration projects by 25 DD Councils, 1,764 people with developmental disabilities are now tax-paying workers in jobs in the community. Almost \$1.6 million from other sources was leveraged to continue such start-up activities in 11 States. Many employers have been reluctant to hire people with developmental disabilities based on lack of experience and information about the quality of this workforce. In 1997, because 20 DD Councils worked with 841 employers, these businessmen and -women hired and supported new employees with severe disabilities. Without these Council activities, these individuals would likely be unemployed and dependent on long-term public support rather than tax-payers.
4. **Homes.** For decades, it was thought that people with developmental disabilities could not live independently in their own homes. Thanks to the work of many DD Councils over the past several years, this myth has been dispelled by Council demonstrations that home ownership for people with developmental disabilities works. In FY 1997, through the work of 21 DD Councils, more than 915 adults now own or rent homes of their own. Next year

promises to be even better. In 1997, 19 Council initiatives leveraged almost \$20 million for home mortgages for people with developmental disabilities, of this amount, \$2.3 million was leveraged as a result of successful demonstration projects of 9 Councils. In addition, to address the twin barriers of affordability and accessibility, the work of only 9 DD Councils resulted in the availability of 275 integrated housing units for people with developmental disabilities.

5. **Education.** One of the greatest challenges teachers and local schools face with respect to students with disabilities is including them in regular classrooms and school life. Twenty (20) DD Councils trained more than 11,000 teachers in the principles and techniques of inclusive education and 23 Councils helped more than 2,400 schools improve their practices of classroom inclusion. Six (6) Councils leveraged almost \$500,000 to continue short-term demonstrations in education and over \$15 million in educational services was leveraged by 12 Councils.
6. **Health.** A common complaint of adults with developmental disabilities and families with children with developmental disabilities is that physicians and other health practitioners do not understand their health needs and the relationship between disability and health. In 1997, 12 Council initiatives educated 6,514 medical professionals. Five (5) Councils created changes in 33 medical training courses to overcome professional attitudinal and knowledge barriers to the health of children and adults with developmental disabilities. Councils in 10 states leveraged more than \$3.3 million for health services.
7. **Managed Care.** The trend to convert medical services to managed care has gained rapid momentum in the last few years. A large number of people with and without disabilities are now covered by public and private managed care plans and many are experiencing problems due to this change. Because of the need many people with developmental disabilities have for specialized services, and the looming possibility that long-term services will be placed in managed care as well, 16 DD Councils worked with more than 27,000 people to help them learn about and prepare for managed care for themselves and their family members.
8. **Person-Centered Planning.** Those service providers who use best practices in developmental disabilities services and supports have mastered a technique called person-centered-planning which determines the needs, strengths, capabilities and preferences of the individual and involves the individual and people who are significant in his or her life in the process. Person-centered planning is not universal by any means across the United States. Therefore, in 1997, 15 DD Councils worked with 235 service agencies and providers,

influencing and training them to use person-centered planning. More than 4,300 individuals benefited directly from person-centered planning initiatives of 21 DD Councils. In 8 States, 129 community agencies restructured based on person-centered planning because of Council initiatives.

9. **Council Members and Trainees on Boards and Commissions.** People with developmental disabilities and family members, under the Developmental Disabilities Act, serve on DD Councils. Many also receive Council leadership training. These experiences prepare them well to serve in other leadership capacities to advise and influence disability policy and services at the state and local levels. Thirty-three (33) Councils reported that almost 800 adults with disabilities and family members with children with disabilities attained positions on public bodies (State committees, commissions, etc.) and non-profit organization Boards of Directors because of their involvement with Council activities.
10. **Direct Service Workers.** A major obstacle to the health and safety of people with developmental disabilities who receive residential or supported living services is the lack of well-trained, adequately paid direct care staff. In FY 1997, 24 DD Councils addressed this concern and trained more than 13,700 direct service workers in the best practices and the concepts of inclusion, choice, and self-direction of people with developmental disabilities.
11. **Community Inclusion.** If people with developmental disabilities are to be truly included in the life of our communities, community organizations serving the general public must be open and welcoming to them. In FY 1997, 25 DD Councils assisted 1,029 organizations, such as recreation, child care and senior centers, the scouts, etc.) to include individuals with developmental disabilities.
12. **Public Education.** Inclusion and integration of people with developmental disabilities in the life of our communities and neighborhoods depends on everyone. There are many myths and misconceptions on the part of the general public which cause them to fear, pity, or disdain people with severe disabilities. In FY 1997, 29 DD Councils chose to conduct more than 2,600 media campaigns (PSA'S, posters, talk shows, press conferences, etc.) to educate regular citizens about the capabilities of people with developmental disabilities and to dispel these myths.

These are just a few outcomes Councils achieved in 1997. More detailed information about the nationwide impact of Developmental Disabilities Councils is available from NADDC at 1234 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Suite 103, Washington DC 20005; Phone: 202-347-1234. FAX: 202-347-4023. E-mail: naddc1@aol.com.



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GOAL 1: People have control, choice and flexibility in the services and supports they receive. (SELF-DETERMINATION)

1.1 # policies & practices created/improved to increase control, choice & flexibility related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 35				Total: 1132			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	3	NY	64	KS	2	KY	406
AZ	2	OR	2	ND	1	NV	48
VT	11	OH	329	MO	1	NE	2
AL	8	ID	2	TN	11	MT	4
MD	46	MA	1	MS	24	NH	2
DC	1	WA	3	IN	10	UT	34
ME	3	OK	10	AK	7	SC	8
TX	2	HI	7	LA	13	CO	3
PA	9	MI	50	DE	3		

1.2 # DOLLARS LEVERAGED TO ENHANCE SUPPORTS TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES RELATED TO COUNCIL INITIATIVE

# of DDCS: 22				Total: \$93,065,396			
State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$
KS	522,152	KY	161,518	OR	15,830,000	NV	8,980,000
VT	617,000	IA	864,000	OH	7,500	MO	41,000,000
TN	45,066	MT	95,500	IL	500,000	MD	903,000
MA	12,884,000	VA	266,960	NH	6,200,000	NC	432,000
OK	121,700	ME	850,000	HI	455,000	WI	400,000
LA	1,700,000	PA	230,000				

1.3 # flexible funding mechanisms created related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 13				Total: 441			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
KY	1	VT	1	IA	5	MO	2
MT	347	MA	1	NH	1	OK	55
ME	14	HI	1	LA	9	CO	2
PA	2						

1.4 # people involved in systemic advocacy efforts related to Council initiative in choice, control & flexibility

# of DDCS: 33				Total: 65,790			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	22	WY	87	KY	5,124	KS	140
AZ	25	NY	263	CT	15	OR	6,000
NV	521	IA	1,667	OH	31,704	MO	365
NE	68	AL	753	ID	23	TN	55
IL	205	MD	7,903	MA	1,370	MS	2,108
VA	53	NH	130	OK	447	AK	1,020
SC	30	ME	426	WV	50	LA	646
CO	30	PA	1885	MI	2,000	GA	410
DE	245						

1.5# people involved in services/supports evaluation (QA) activities related to Council work

# of DDCS: 18				Total: 5,319			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	12	OR	62	KY	49	KS	140
CT	436	OH	550	MO	298	AL	47
MT	164	IL	450	MS	2,380	WA	100
UT	530	NC	24	OK	52	ME	17
HI	10	LA	8				

1.6 # of policy makers who requested information

# of DDCS: 4				Total: 515			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
KS	209	KY	78	ME	188	GA	40

1.7 # policy makers informed about choice, control and flexibility

# of DDCS: 40				Total: 13,246			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	90	NY	534	OR	150	KY	2,941
CT	62	WY	511	KS	209	NV	68
VT	45	LA	473	OH	233	MO	121
NE	69	AL	398	ID	105	TN	144
MT	67	IL	2	MD	991	MA	250
MS	2,384	VA	16	NH	424	CNMI	12
WA	150	IN	448	UT	32	NC	210
OK	161	AK	431	SC	45	ME	25
WV	42	HI	45	LA	180	CO	50
PA	500	MI	20	GA	306	DE	302

1.8 # issue papers, policy papers, fiscal impact statements, reports, related to choice and control, developed by Council

# of DDCS: 19				Total: 727			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	16	NY	3	OR	46	KY	47
KS	2	NV	48	OH	12	ID	450
TN	3	MS	55	VA	2	NH	1
WA	12	OK	2	ME	9	LA	6
HI	2	PA	6	GA	5		

1.9 # issue papers, policy papers, fiscal impact statements, reports related to choice and control, disseminated policy makers

# of DDCS: 11				Total: 1,457			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
KS	5	NY	3	KY	1,200	NV	48
TN	3	MT	2	IL	6	NH	1
OK	161	HI	22	LA	6		

1.10 # dollars leveraged to continue completed Council-funded short-term demonstrations and start-up activities in area

# of DDCS: 15				Total: \$6,658,464			
State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$
KS	89,193	OR	60,000	KY	55,818	VT	31,000
AL	950,000	ID	30,000	TN	3,100,000	MT	606,500
MD	80,578	MA	10,000	MS	44,875	OK	136,000
ME	40,000	LA	1,054,500	SD	370,000		

1.11 # people benefiting from Council initiative in self-advocacy

# of DDCS: 29				Total: 22,125			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	12	WY	11	KS	500	ND	97
AZ	30	NY	75	KY	10,000	OR	305
VT	95	IA	241	OH	1,560	MO	116
NE	450	TN	248	MT	233	IL	520
MA	70	MS	5,203	VA	226	NH	147
DC	16	WA	240	NC	63	OK	404
ME	444	HI	25	LA	430	SD	120
GA	244						

1.12 # people benefiting from personal assistance services related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 22				Total: 18,240			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
KS	80	KY	235	NY	27	NV	62
VT	220	IA	40	OH	445	AL	40
ID	415	IL	20	MA	3,700	MS	1,994
UT	60	TX	374	OK	23	AK	1,044
ME	1	LA	2,000	SD	20	PA	2,416
MI	5,000	DE	24				

1.13 # FAMILIES BENEFITING FROM FAMILY SUPPORT RELATED TO COUNCIL INITIATIVE

# of DDCS: 30				Total: 31,099			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
ND	77	NY	5,235	AZ	125	KY	81
OR	600	WY	1,054	NV	140	VT	129
IA	408	OH	135	MO	734	AL	2,625
ID	509	MT	9	IL	230	MD	412
MA	85	MS	1,278	VA	515	NH	591
NC	326	OK	272	AK	4,301	SC	750
ME	2,794	HI	549	LA	3,000	CO	5
MI	4,000	DE	130				

1.14 # of families benefiting from Individual Family Service Plan (under Part H of IDEA)

# of DDCS: 8				Total: 13,169			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
KY	2,619	AL	2,936	ID	903	MS	227
DC	350	WA	2,195	ME	64	HI	3,875

1.15 # people reporting they choose their own supports related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 7				Total: 1,407			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
KY	346	OH	223	MS	250	VA	144
NC	20	OK	185	SD	239		

1.16 # people benefiting from person-centered planning related to initiative

# of DDCS: 21				Total: 4,378			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	27	NY	61	WY	520	ND	116
CT	3	KY	321	IA	33	OH	283
MO	21	NE	15	TN	8	MT	9
MS	1,500	DC	105	TX	50	NC	225
OK	385	ME	162	HI	44	LA	460
PA	30						

1.17 # people who attained leadership positions on public bodies related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 21				Total: 408			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	10	OR	17	WY	2	KY	27
KS	5	OH	33	MO	20	VA	2
MT	39	MA	2	MS	1	NH	1
CNMI	1	DC	42	IN	65	NC	27
OK	12	ME	2	HI	21	WV	33
LA	46						

1.18 # people who attained leadership positions on non-profit Boards related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 11				Total: 282			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	28	WY	1	OH	31	MO	12
TN	8	MA	12	MS	55	VA	7
OK	6	ME	10	LA	112		

1.19 # individuals/ families reporting increase in service/supports that reflect individual differences & cultural diversity

# of DDCS: 8				Total: 2,345			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	30	KY	4	OH	278	IL	150
MS	1,726	NC	40	OK	95	PR	22

1.20 # of agencies/providers that use person-centered planning related to initiative

# of DDCS: 15				Total: 235			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	2	NY	8	KS	28	IA	1
CT	5	ND	5	OH	88	KY	4
NE	10	TN	1	MT	3	MS	20
OK	9	HI	1	MI	50		

1.21 # of agencies/providers that restructure based on person centered planning related to Council initiative

# of DDCCS: 8				Total: 129			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
KY	4	NY	3	OH	88	TN	2
MT	3	MS	25	OK	2	LA	2

1.22 # direct care staff benefiting from Council-sponsored training

# of DDCCS: 24				Total: 13,787			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	100	ND	85	KS	25	IA	10
CT	23	WY	75	KY	636	OH	5,436
NE	474	TN	20	MT	1,466	MA	216
MS	426	NH	118	NC	200	OK	4
WV	15	HI	25	LA	1,500	CO	343
GU	300	PA	250	MI	2,000	PR	40

1.23 State specific measure

State	#	Narrative
OR	6	# self-advocacy organizations benefiting from Council support and initiatives.
OH	30	# individuals receiving supports benefiting from council-sponsored training
OH	14,000	# individuals with and without disabilities informed about choice
OK	216	# policy informed by council grantees about choice, control & flexibility
HI	149	# guardianships transferred to office of public guardian
HI	3	* legislative adv. Provided by council
TN	203	# people using centralized disability information and referral system.
SD	209	# of Direct Staff Benefiting from Council Sponsored Training
CO	105	# people attending 9 Council forum to participate in planning for the 1998-2000 Three Year Plan
CO	75	#people attending Council sponsored one-day meeting on self-determination with Tome Nerney
CO	287	# people with disabilities and/or family members who received support form the Council's consumer involvement Fund to attend training's, conferences or to participate in advocacy activities
CO	5	# child welfare policy makers informed about need for increased training regardin permanency, planning, preventive family support and working with families of children with special need who interface with the child welfare system so that mor children can remain at home

GOAL 2: People get and keep employment consistent with their interests, abilities and needs

2.1 # of policies and practices created or improved which increase integrated employment opportunities related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 30				Total: 397			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	2	NY	12	OR	1	NV	4
AZ	1	KY	50	WY	1	OH	5
AL	12	ID	3	TN	3	IL	5
MD	106	MA	1	MS	70	NH	1
WA	3	IN	2	UT	1	TX	2
OK	14	AK	3	SC	45	ME	8
HI	1	LA	4	CO	1	PA	3
MI	20	DE	13				

2.2 # dollars leveraged to enhance integrated employment opportunities related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 11				Total: \$8,829,747			
State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$
AR	161,000	AZ	600,000	KS	40,835	OH	150,000
MO	584,000	ID	400,000	TN	45,432	MS	45,670
VA	761,810	WA	6,000,000	OK	41,000		

2.3 # dollars leveraged to continue completed Council-funded short-term demonstrations, start-up activities in area

# of DDCS: 10				Total: \$1,593,677			
State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$
AR	28,000	KY	55,818	KS	20,000	OH	550,000
MT	600,000	MD	184,578	MA	63,355	MS	60,200
OK	15,000	WV	16,726				

2.4 # of policy makers who requested information about integrated employment

# of DDCS: 10				Total: 602			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	102	KY	3	IL	12	MS	387
NH	14	IN	75	OK	2	OH	5
HI	1	GU	1				

2.5 # policy makers informed by Council about integrated employment

# of DDCS: 32				Total: 6,347			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	90	NY	294	CT	426	WY	22
KS	209	KY	143	NV	12	OH	165
MO	20	NE	50	AL	461	ID	105
TN	144	MT	160	IL	12	MA	220
MS	1,717	NH	14	OK	161	AK	431
IN	448	UT	21	SC	15	ME	188
HI	5	LA	180	CO	45	GU	21
PA	100	MI	20	GA	310	DE	138

2.6 # issue papers, policy papers, fiscal impact statements, reports, etc., related to employment developed by Council

# of DDCS: 13				Total: 104			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	18	NY	2	NV	2	TN	2
MA	2	MS	32	NH	1	NC	1
ME	1	WV	39	HI	1	CO	1
LA	2						

2.7 # issue papers, policy papers, fiscal impact statements, reports, etc., related to employment disseminated to policy makers by Council

# of DDCS: 8				Total: 52			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	18	NV	2	TN	2	MT	2
MS	25	NH	1	ME	1	HI	1

2.8 # employers providing vocational supports to students on the job related to initiative

# of DDCS: 7				Total: 282			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	30	KY	6	OH	20	MS	130
VA	20	OK	66	PA	10		

2.9 # BUSINESSES/EMPLOYERS THAT EMPLOY AND SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AS A RESULT OF ACTIVITY

# of DDCS: 20				Total: 841			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	12	WY	3	KS	15	KY	13
CT	4	ND	46	NV	5	OH	100
TN	3	MT	17	IL	36	MA	32
MS	379	VA	19	CNMI	56	OK	55
ME	10	WV	19	PA	12	PR	5

2.10 # schools providing vocational supports to students related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 16				Total: 202			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	2	KY	1	ND	6	OH	4
NE	12	TN	2	IL	5	MA	1
MS	45	VA	24	DC	8	TX	1
NC	2	OK	74	PA	5	PR	10

2.11 # school transition to work policies and practices improved related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 13				Total: 133			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	27	ND	1	WY	1	NV	19
NE	1	TN	1	MA	1	MS	36
VA	24	OK	9	LA	10	PA	1
PR	2						

2.12 # new integrated employment settings/providers created related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 11				Total: 364			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	14	KS	10	KY	6	WY	3
OH	70	IL	36	MA	5	MS	73
OK	77	WV	20	LA	50		

2.13 # providers converting to supported/integrated employment related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 8				Total: 42			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
OH	21	TN	3	MS	5	TX	2
OK	2	ME	3	LA	2	PR	4

2.14# post-secondary schools which improve access to students with disabilities related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 6				Total: 93			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	2	TN	2	MA	1	MS	4
OK	74	PR	10				

2.15 # OF ADULTS WHO OBTAIN INTEGRATED JOBS (WITH SUPPORTS) RELATED TO COUNCIL INITIATIVE

# of DDCS: 28				Total: 6,945			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	20	WY	3	ND	65	KS	20
CT	4	NY	381	OR	2	KY	15
OH	70	MO	117	AL	342	ID	3
TN	15	MT	13	IL	39	MA	178
MS	113	VA	7	NC	4	OK	73
TX	27	AK	37	SC	138	WV	23
SD	5	PA	8	MI	5,200	DE	23

2.16 # people involved in systemic advocacy efforts related to Council employment initiative

# of DDCS: 29				Total: 2,820			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	40	NY	105	KY	10	ND	17
KS	12	NV	5	VT	32	OH	35
IL	5	MA	14	MS	771	AK	116
MO	200	AL	579	ID	48	TN	10
TX	27	NC	310	OK	42	SC	44
ME	5	WV	4	HI	8	SD	32
GU	4	PA	50	MI	50	GA	200
DE	45						

2.17 State specific initiative

State	#	Narrative
NY	440	# Professionals trained in use of generic employment benefits for persons with DD
NY	1,100	# individuals receiving employment services due to Council initiative
MA	600	# consumers educated about supported employment options
OK	132	# policy makers who request information about integrated employment to which Council grantees responded.
CO	100	#information packets about School to Career initiative
MI	325	# of individuals trained in transition process

GOAL 3: Adults choose where and with whom they live (HOMES)

3.1 # policies and practices created or improved to enable people to live where they chose related to Council initiative in the public sector

# of DDCS: 25				Total: 139			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	13	KS	1	OR	3	NY	12
NV	6	VT	1	MO	1	AL	4
ID	3	TN	2	IL	2	MS	48
WA	4	IN	4	UT	1	TX	7
NC	1	AK	2	ME	3	HI	2
LA	4	OH	2	PA	2	MI	10
GA	1						

3.2 # policies and practices created or improved to enable people to live where they chose related to Council initiative in the private sector

# of DDCS: 21				Total: 124			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	1	KS	1	OR	2	NV	2
VT	1	OH	25	MO	1	IL	3
ID	3	TN	1	IL	17	MS	37
DC	1	IN	6	UT	1	TX	5
AK	3	ME	2	HI	1	LA	6
MI	5						

3.3 # dollars leveraged for home mortgages through Council initiative

# of DDCS: 19				Total: \$19,847,687			
State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$
AR	1,474,190	AZ	480,000	CT	825,000	KS	16,312
NV	1,300,000	MO	451,000	AL	1,000,000	ID	650,000
TN	188,000	IL	525,000	MD	1,500,000	NH	586,985
WA	5,000,000	TX	1,000,000	WV	218,450	WI	2,750
PA	230,000	MI	2,200,000	GA	2,200,000		

3.4 # DOLLARS LEVERAGED TO CREATE PERSON-CONTROLLED HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMPARED TO COUNCIL INVESTMENT (I.E. FOR EVERY DOLLAR INVESTED, X DOLLARS WERE LEVERAGED)

# of DDCS: 9				Total: \$2,382,583			
State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$
CT	825,000	MO	451,000	ID	650,000	MS	4,000
NH	221,676	AK	363	CO	434	PA	230,000
MI	110						

3.5 # dollars leveraged to continue completed Council-funded short-term demonstrations and' start-up activities in the area

# of DDCS: 6				Total: \$353,403			
State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$
KS	80,000	OR	65,000	ID	140,400	MD	20,000
MS	48,000	LA	3				

3.6 # of policy makers who requested information on housing

# of DDCS: 15				Total: 103,895			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	121	KS	56	MO	1	ID	100
IL	12	MS	25	NH	28,466	OK	2
IN	60	OK	2	WV	20	HI	3
LA	2	CO	25	PA	75,000		

3.7 # policy makers informed by Council about housing

# of DDCS: 29				Total: 4,339			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	50	NY	207	KS	209	WY	10
CT	28	NV	68	VT	14	OH	162
MO	2	AL	186	ID	116	TN	144
IL	14	MA	250	MS	518	WA	149
IN	448	UT	21	TX	10	OK	161
AK	431	SC	20	ME	188	HI	3
GU	21	PA	500	MI	10	GA	200
DE	199						

3.8 # issue & policy papers, fiscal impact statements, reports, etc., related to person-controlled housing developed

# of DDCS: 7				Total: 124			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	4	CT	77	NV	8	ID	3
MS	29	ME	2	GU	1		

3.9 # issue & policy papers, fiscal impact statements, reports, etc., related to person-controlled housing provided to policy makers

# of DDCS: 8				Total: 130			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	1	CT	77	KS	3	NV	8
IL	12	MS	22	ME	2	LA	5

3.10 # units of affordable, accessible housing available related to initiative.

# of DDCS: 9				Total: 275			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	12	KS	18	CT	6	NV	78
MO	11	IL	35	MS	88	WV	16
PA	11						

3.11 # of supported living programs created related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 6				Total: 119			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	6	NY	8	NV	68	TN	2
MS	15	LA	20				

3.12 # of people moving from congregate facilities to homes in the community related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 19				Total: 1,720			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
KS	188	NY	736	IA	4	MO	3
AL	2	ID	8	TN	7	IL	48
MS	5	IN	160	UT	17	TX	100
NC	3	AK	42	WV	86	HI	15
LA	270	PA	6	MI	20		

3.13 # PEOPLE WHO RENT OR OWN THEIR OWN HOMES RELATED TO COUNCIL INITIATIVE

# of DDCS: 21				Total: 915			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	42	NY	25	OR	40	KS	18
AZ	12	CT	6	NV	12	OH	20
MO	17	AL	10	TN	6	IL	25
MS	15	NH	8	SC	5	WV	2
WI	150	LA	270	PA	22	MI	200
GA	10						

3.14 # people who are satisfied with their living situation related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 9				Total: 261			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	24	CT	6	IA	29	MO	11
TN	13	IL	62	MS	91	NH	8
WV	17						

3.15 # of people involved in systemic advocacy related to Council housing initiative

# of DDCS: 25				Total: 3,375			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	5	WY	87	CT	112	KS	15
AZ	25	NY	6	NV	78	MO	76
AL	60	ID	200	TN	24	MS	343
WA	600	IN	58	UT	4	TX	30
AK	130	SC	3	ME	10	WV	10
OH	89	PA	250	MI	75	GA	1,000
DE	85						

3.16 State specific measure

State	#	Narrative
OR	20	# parents & professionals who benefited from council training regarding development of consumer-controlled housing and community supports.
WY	1	# legislative meetings
MO	6	# local teams developed by Council initiative
CO	\$434	#dollars to be (?) leveraged per dollar of Council investment to create person-controlled housing opportunity
CO	25	# policy makers informed about housing
CO	242	#persons able to move from the Grand Junction Regional Center due to Council

GOAL 4: People are healthy and benefit from the full range of needed health care services. (HEALTH)

4.1 # policies and practices created or improved to improve health care because of Council initiative in the public sector

# of DDCS: 30				Total: 337			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	1	NY	6	OR	1	KY	2
CT	1	NV	22	VT	2	MO	16
NE	4	ID	30	MT	1	MD	75
MA	2	MS	11	NH	3	OK	2
WA	3	IN	100	UT	2	TX	8
AK	6	SC	3	ME	8	HI	5
LA	6	CO	1	OH	3	GU	1
PA	7	MI	5				

4.2 # policies and practices created or improved to improve health care because of Council initiative in the private sector

# of DDCS: 12				Total: 149			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
KY	1	NV	1	MO	1	ID	84
MS	19	NH	3	UT	1	TX	8
SC	2	HI	3	GU	1	MI	25

4.3 # DOLLARS LEVERAGED FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES THROUGH COUNCIL INITIATIVE

# of DDCS: 10				Total: \$3,327,425			
State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$
NV	1,000,000	VT	37,712	MO	35,000	TN	1,203,175
MT	59,000	MA	588,788	MS	67,500	WA	9,000
OK	250	HI	327,000				

4.4 # dollars leveraged to continue completed Council -funded short-term demonstrations and start-up activities regarding health care

# of DDCS: 3				Total: \$83,875			
State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$
MT	35,000	MS	44,875	ME	4,000		

4.5 # dollars leveraged per dollar of Council investment i.e. for every Council dollar invested, x \$ were leveraged,)

# of DDCS: 1				Total: \$20			
State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$
NV	20						

4.6 # of policy makers who requested information on health issues

# of DDCS: 10				Total: 1,575			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	5	KY	3	CT	2	IL	1
MS	1,528	OK	6	HI	6	LA	20
GU	1	OH	3				

4.7 # policy makers informed by Council about health issues

# of DDCS: 31				Total: 11,525			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	5	KY	291	KS	209	NY	185
CT	2	NV	68	VT	192	OH	169
MO	15	NE	69	ID	6,105	TN	144
IL	4	MA	278	MS	1,117	NH	424
WA	149	IN	448	UT	32	NC	80
AK	435	SC	35	ME	188	WV	134
HI	40	LA	180	CO	75	GU	21
PA	75	MI	20	DE	336		

4.8 # issue papers, policy papers, fiscal impact statements, reports, etc., developed related to health

# of DDCS: 14				Total: 109			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	1	NY	2	KY	5	CT	17
NV	22	OH	6	MO	1	TN	1
MA	5	MS	29	ME	3	HI	5
LA	11	GU	1				

4.9 # issue papers, policy papers, fiscal impact statements, reports, etc., disseminated related to health

# of DDCS: 13				Total: 82			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	1	NY	1	KY	3	KS	1
NV	22	OH	6	MO	1	TN	1
IL	4	MS	22	ME	4	HI	5
LA	11						

4.10 # medical professionals benefiting from Council initiatives regarding health care practice

# of DDCS: 12				Total: 6,514			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
OH	500	MO	15	NE	250	MT	110
MD	2,470	MA	229	MS	1,862	NH	62
ME	142	LA	24	GU	300	PA	550

4.11 # changes in medical training due to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 5				Total: 33			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
MS	1	NH	15	LA	1	GU	1
PA	15						

4.12 # people benefiting from Council initiatives regarding health care services

# of DDCS: 12				Total: 1,431,760			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
KY	300	MO	250	MT	1700	MD	210,492
MA	2,394	MS	2,003	NH	74	OK	172
ME	1,200,000	HI	13,000	PA	1,000	PR	375

4.13 # PEOPLE AND FAMILIES ASSISTED TO PLAN AND PREPARE FOR MANAGED CARE

# of DDCS: 16				Total: 27,078			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	30	NY	920	KY	150	NV	350
VT	140	MO	10	NE	52	MD	2522
MA	281	MS	178	NH	35	ME	550
HI	40	OH	20	PA	1,800	MI	20,000

4.14 # people who have tools and opportunities leading to healthy lifestyles related to Council effort

# of DDCS: 7				Total: 16,935			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
KY	60	NV	428	IL	100	MS	1,321
OK	4	OH	15,000	PR	22		

4.15 # people involved in systemic advocacy effort related to Council health initiative

# of DDCS: 25				Total: 7,009			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
KS	20	NY	83	WY	87	KY	68
NV	350	VT	16	NE	20	IL	3
MA	1,236	MS	1,910	NH	60	WA	600
IN	500	UT	23	TX	40	NC	40
AK	215	SC	22	ME	1,000	HI	60
GU	50	OH	42	MI	200	GA	250
DE	114						

4.16 # policies leading to people having healthy lifestyles related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 5				Total: 252			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
MS	50	OK	2	ME	20	OH	3
PR	177						

4.17 State specific measure

State	#	Narrative
AZ	223	3 people monitored for health and safety in ICF/MR
MA	16	# contacts in Asian-American health care community
OK	4	# policymakers informed by Council grantees about health issues
CO	3	#policies and practices impacted to improve Medicaid managed health care because of Council activity

GOAL 5: Students reach their educational goals.

5.1 # policies and practices created or improved related to Council initiative in education

# of DDCS: 27				Total: 501			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	1	NY	98	WY	1	CT	17
NV	7	VT	1	MO	2	NE	4
AL	6	ID	1	TN	1	MD	20
MS	25	DC	1	WA	3	IN	100
UT	6	TX	8	OK	1	AK	5
SC	45	ME	2	WV	5	LA	8
PA	10	MI	20	DE	103		

5.2 # policies and practices created or improved related to Council initiative in education in early intervention

# of DDCS: 12				Total: 77			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	1	NE	3	AL	4	ID	3
IL	1	MS	12	UT	1	OK	6
AK	4	SC	5	OH	32	MI	5

5.3 # dollars leveraged for education services through Council initiative

# of DDCS: 12				Total: \$15,111,446			
State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$
AR	182,000	AZ	10,000,000	VT	2,500,000	ID	1,000,000
TN	153,342	MD	569,400	MS	155,340	VA	305,357
NH	12,160	OK	105,700	OH	126,597	GU	1,550

5.4 # dollars leveraged to continue completed Council -funded short-term demonstrations and start-up activities in the area

# of DDCS: 6				Total: \$498,403			
State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$
AR	103,786	CT	69,394	MD	109,779	MS	94,875
OK	110,000	WV	10,569				

5.5 # of policy makers who requested information on education

# of DDCS: 12				Total: 5,831			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	5	KY	50	CT	930	IL	12
MS	330	NH	9	CNMI	1	WA	12
IN	448	OK	4	WV	4,000	LA	30

5.6 # policy makers informed by Council about education

# of DDCS: 34				Total: 16,297			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	90	NY	743	WY	511	KY	1,338
CT	5,744	NV	68	VT	16	OH	199
MO	195	NE	69	AL	409	ID	9
TN	144	IL	645	MS	1405	VA	16
NH	18	WA	149	IN	448	UT	13
TX	10	NC	132	AK	794	SC	10
ME	288	WV	44	HI	45	LA	180
CO	10	GU	21	PA	25	MI	20
GA	135	DE	2,354				

5.7 # issue papers, policy papers, fiscal impact statements, reports, etc., developed related to education

# of DDCS: 15				Total: 1,306			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	1	NY	3	KY	1,206	CT	32
NV	7	ID	1	TN	1	MS	30
VA	2	NH	12	WA	1	ME	1
WV	1	LA	5	OH	3		

5.8 # issue papers, policy papers, fiscal impact statements, reports, etc., disseminated related to education

# of DDCS: 13				Total: 105			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	32	KY	6	NY	2	NV	7
TN	2	MS	28	VA	2	NH	12
WA	1	ME	3	WV	1	LA	5
OH	4						

5.9 # dollars leveraged for education services compared Council investment (i.e. for every dollar invested, x dollars were leveraged,)

# of DDCS: 4				Total: \$10,183,550			
State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$
AR	182,000	AZ	10,000,000	GU	1,550		

5.10 # STUDENTS BENEFITING FROM IMPROVED IEP PRACTICES RELATED TO COUNCIL INITIATIVE

# of DDCS: 14				Total: 4,773			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	50	NY	152	OH	120	MO	13
ID	20	IL	75	MS	750	VA	363
NH	35	TX	2000	OK	87	ME	743
WV	100	MI	265				

5.11 # parents benefiting from training regarding their child's educational rights related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 38				Total: 24,557			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	22	NY	2,821	CT	433	OR	87
AZ	57	WY	1,054	KY	2,000	VT	11
IA	810	OH	62	MO	56	NE	160
AL	388	ID	40	TN	1,244	MT	202
IL	282	MD	572	MS	1,274	VA	137
NH	109	WA	50	TX	300	NC	68
OK	106	AK	400	SC	30	ME	367
WV	30	HI	19	LA	1,376	CO	25
GU	25	PA	5,000	MI	25	GA	70
DE	224	PR	4,621				

5.12 # teachers benefiting from Council in-service initiative regarding inclusive education

# of DDCS: 20				Total: 11,183			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	144	CT	54	KY	3,000	WY	28
OH	2,528	MO	200	NE	218	ID	42
TN	1,438	MS	641	NH	32	IN	300
TX	1,000	NC	110	OK	58	LA	483
ME	164	PA	100	MI	300	GA	343

5.13 # teachers benefiting from Council pre-service initiative regarding inclusive education

# of DDCS: 6				Total: 473			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
KY	100	WY	4	MS	110	OK	45
ME	164	GU	50				

5.14 # practitioners benefiting from Council in-service initiative regarding early intervention

# of DDCS: 9				Total: 666			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	54	WY	20	MT	19	MS	259
VA	75	OK	6	OH	108	GU	75
PA	50						

5.15 # practitioners benefiting from Council pre-service initiative regarding early intervention

# of DDCS: 3				Total: 2,779			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	2,763	MS	10	OK	6		

5.16 # schools improving support services to students related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 13				Total: 237			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	2	NY	20	CT	5	OH	4
ID	62	TN	23	MA	2	MS	44
VA	27	TX	10	OK	17	WV	15
ME	6						

5.17 # SCHOOLS IMPROVING PRACTICES OF CLASSROOM INCLUSION RELATED TO COUNCIL INITIATIVE

# of DDCS: 23				Total: 2,410			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	2	CT	2	NY	46	OH	56
MO	7	AL	14	ID	62	TN	23
IL	67	MD	75	MS	47	NH	32
TX	10	OK	1	AK	56	SC	18
ME	2	WV	15	CO	1,770	PA	15
MI	50	GA	15	PR	25		

5.18 # children benefiting from transition services in early intervention related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 4				Total: 807			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
MS	124	OK	58	LA	514	PR	111

5.19 # students benefiting from transition services (school to work) related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 17				Total: 3,964			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	27	NY	14	ND	29	KY	1,316
NV	19	OH	124	NE	30	AL	141
MA	20	MS	83	VA	240	WA	900
UT	4	TX	650	OK	42	PA	60
MI	265						

5.20 # people involved in systemic advocacy related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 25				Total: 11,483			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	12	NY	6,854	CT	374	KY	50
AZ	35	WY	87	MO	49	AL	52
ID	43	TN	18	IL	557	MD	486
MS	468	VA	30	NH	107	LA	230
TX	20	WV	10	OK	6	ME	40
OH	1,058	PA	300	MI	200	GA	200
DE	197						

5.21 # changes in education and training at the post secondary level related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 6				Total: 47			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AL	1	TN	1	MS	2	LA	4
PA	10	PR	29				

5.22 # students benefiting from inclusion practices related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 16				Total: 42,134			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	10,349	CT	12	NY	945	IA	3010
ID	22	TN	4095	MD	218	MS	68
NH	35	IN	6	TX	2,000	OK	28
ME	1,383	WV	100	OH	19,765	PR	98

5.23 State specific measure

State	#	Narrative
TN	3437	# children learning about what they have in common with children with disabilities
MD	1,200	# students who received disability awareness training
NH	1,200	# people benefiting from disability awareness project
OK	4	#policymakers informed by Council grantees about inclusive education
CO	500	# brochures distributed on school inclusion upon request and at conferences and forums
CO	125	# brochures distributed to policy makers on school inclusion upon request at legislative meetings
CO	1,779	# children benefiting from Council input into early intervention sources values, philosophy and practices

**GOAL 6: Every individual is a valued, participating member of their community.
(COMMUNITY INCLUSION)**

6.1 # policies and practices created or improved related to initiative in generic community supports (e.g., recreation programs, scouting, child-care, senior activities, etc.)

# of DDCS: 23				Total: 580			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	1	NY	114	KS	3	CT	2
NV	8	OH	29	MO	1	NE	1
AL	30	ID	6	TN	3	MS	5
DC	1	WA	4	OK	172	AK	6
SC	38	ME	2	HI	5	LA	3
PA	75	MI	20	DE	51		

6.2 # dollars leveraged used to expand transportation services

# of DDCS: 5				Total: \$1,366,375			
State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$
OR	100,000	WA	1,000,000	OK	10,000	HI	250,000
SD	6,375						

6.3 # policies and practices created or improved related to Council initiative in public accommodations accessibility

# of DDCS: 11				Total: 157			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
NY	2	NV	8	VT	1	OH	20
MO	6	NE	1	TN	2	MT	1
NH	101	OK	10	LA	5		

6.4 # of policy barriers or disincentives to public accommodations overcome related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 6				Total: 31			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
OH	7	MO	6	TN	1	MS	1
OK	14	LA	2				

6.5 # buildings that became accessible related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 7				Total: 169			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
MT	3	MS	11	NH	101	CNMI	40
OK	3	OH	1	PA	10		

6.6 # COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH SERVE THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHICH ARE INCLUSIVE RELATED TO COUNCIL INITIATIVE (E.G., RECREATION PROGRAMS, SCOUTING, CHILD CARE, SENIOR ACTIVITIES, ETC.)

# of DDCS: 25				Total: 1,029			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
KS	5	KY	9	ND	139	NY	354
OH	20	MO	6	NE	6	AL	67
ID	6	TN	5	IL	6	MD	30
MS	23	NH	48	CNMI	2	UT	1
NC	16	OK	61	AK	5	SC	38
WI	63	LA	5	PA	12	MI	40
DE	62						

6.7 # of policy makers who requested information to which Council responded

# of DDCS: 10				Total: 668			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	36	KS	6	OH	65	MA	37
VA	16	CNMI	1	IN	448	OK	6
LA	3	PA	50				

6.8 # policy makers informed by Council about community inclusion

# of DDCS: 30				Total: 4,651			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	90	NY	428	KS	209	OR	150
CT	63	WY	22	NV	68	VT	20
IA	473	OH	150	MO	96	NE	69
AL	151	ID	5	TN	144	MA	235
MS	220	VA	16	CNMI	2	WA	140
IN	448	UT	32	OK	161	AK	431
SC	25	LA	28	GU	21	PA	500
MI	20	DE	234				

6.9 # issue papers, policy papers, fiscal impact statements, reports, etc., developed related to community inclusion

# of DDCS: 15				Total: 1,571			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	16	KS	1	NV	8	OH	27
TN	1	IL	11	MS	1,460	VA	2
NC	1	OK	2	WV	20	HI	10
LA	10	CO	1	GU	1		

6.10 # issue papers, policy papers, fiscal impact statements, reports, etc., related to community inclusion provided to policy makers

# of DDCS: 12				Total: 324			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	16	KS	13	NV	8	OH	5
TN	1	MS	30	VA	2	OK	161
HI	2	LA	10	CO	75	GU	1

6.11 # dollars leveraged for community inclusion compared to Council investment (i.e. for every dollar invested, x dollars were leveraged.)

# of DDCS: 9				Total: \$1,030,275			
State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$
AR	110,275	IA	864,000	MS	4,000	NH	52,000

6.12 # dollars leveraged to continue completed Council -funded short-term demonstrations and start-up activities in the area

# of DDCS: 6				Total: \$229,231			
State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$	State	# \$
KS	100,000	OR	3,260	MT	10,300	MD	48,006
MS	20,000	OK	47,665				

6.13 # COMMUNITY FACILITIES, PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE ADA ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE RELATED TO COUNCIL INITIATIVE

# of DDCS: 7				Total: 106			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	2	ND	1	OH	15	MS	8
CNMI	50	OK	2	PR	28		

6.14 # of media events (e.g. TV, radio, press coverage) about disability-related issues related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 29				Total: 2,625			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	25	NY	2	KY	4	OR	52
CT	1	WY	155	NV	168	OH	146
MO	78	ID	9	MT	29	IL	33
MD	1,606	MA	6	MS	57	VA	2
NH	58	CNMI	22	WA	2	TX	1
OK	50	ME	18	WV	45	HI	1
LA	10	SD	1	GU	7	PA	20
GA	17						

6.15 # people involved in systemic advocacy related to Council initiative in community inclusion

# of DDCS: 31				Total: 6,762			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	25	ND	72	KS	15	KY	30
CT	13	WY	87	NV	171	VT	70
IA	1,667	OH	317	MO	165	AL	118
ID	44	TN	101	MT	315	IL	55
MD	515	MS	358	NH	100	WA	600
UT	50	NC	20	OK	152	AK	237
SC	135	WV	73	HI	242	LA	646
PA	100	MI	194	DE	75		

6.16 # people in occupations not involved directly with disability services (e.g. police, fire fighters, bus drivers, realtors,) educated/informed about inclusion through Council initiative

# of DDCS: 13				Total: 16,083			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
CT	7,442	KS	125	KY	265	OH	11
MO	300	ID	5,150	MT	735	IL	14
MS	1,055	NH	200	OK	401	LA	1
GU	150						

6.17 # people educated about managed long term supports related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 18				Total: 7,192			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	30	NY	36	NV	350	VT	140
IA	800	OH	85	ID	30	MT	73
MS	236	NC	90	AK	43	SC	50
HI	41	LA	10	CO	325	MI	2,000
GA	75	DE	2,778				

6.18 # support activities for older individuals created related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 7				Total: 128			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AR	36	OH	4	ND	32	NY	12
KY	3	MS	23	GA	18		

6.19 # individuals and/or families participating in neighborhood/community activities related to Council initiative

# of DDCS: 12				Total: 2,855			
State	#	State	#	State	#	State	#
AZ	3	KY	12	ND	53	NV	69
IA	13	OH	147	TN	45	MT	549
IL	20	MS	825	NH	51	OK	1,068

6.20 State specific measure

State	#	
OR	37,000	\$ leveraged from OR Child Care Division to participate in development of strategic child care plan to include children with disabilities
NY	398	# community agencies seeking information on how to better serve families of children with developmental disabilities
VT	100,000	\$ leveraged to make state buildings accessible
TN	208	# people assisted to attend meetings
MD	7500	# ?????
OK	101	# policymakers who requested information to which Council grantees responded
MI	200	# of individuals trained in ADA issues