The Ties that Bind: Approaches to Senior Aging in Place and Multigenerational Living

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Council on Developmental Disabilities

What is the Council?

- State agency established by federal law, Developmental Disabilities Act (“DD Act”)

- Focused on creating **lasting positive change** to the disability service system and across Tennessee by ...
  - Improving disability policies and practices
  - Educating policymakers and the public
  - Facilitating collaboration among public and private organizations
Council on Developmental Disabilities

- Council members include:
  - **Private citizens** from across TN who have a disability or have a family member with a disability - appointed by Governor & represent diversity of state
  - **State agencies** that administer disability-related services
    - Dept. of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
    - Dept. of Mental Health
    - Dept. of Education
    - Dept. of Health
    - TennCare
    - Commission on Aging and Disability
    - Commission on Children and Youth
    - **TN Housing Development Agency**
    - Vocational Rehabilitation
  - **TN Developmental Disabilities Network**
What the DD Act Charges Councils to Do

Councils on Developmental Disabilities are...

Part of government, but unique

Self-governing organizations that identify the most pressing needs of people with developmental disabilities.

Tasked with looking at the system as a whole; objective, fact-based; positive, solutions-oriented.

Positioned to take a “big picture” approach to create structural change with long term impact.

Committed to public policy and systems change that help individuals gain more control over their lives.
Most importantly, Councils ...

- Bring voices of individuals with developmental disabilities & families to policymakers whose decisions impact their lives
Examples of TN Council Impact ...

- The Council is responsible for initiating these groundbreaking programs in Tennessee ...

- Child Care Resource and Referral Centers to provide technical assistance to child care providers

- Postsecondary education programs in Tennessee

- Convening monthly Employment Roundtable

- Home ownership program, "visitability" initiative

- Next Chapter Book Clubs for people with intellectual disabilities
A Personal Story
Resources to Assist with Aging in Place
What is Tennessee Disability Pathfinder?

- A statewide, multilingual information and referral service. Includes a phone helpline and web database to connect with disability services, multicultural outreach & community training programs.
- Supported by the Council and operated by the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center.
- Provides resources and information related to disability, across the lifespan and across all types of disabilities.
CAMINO SEGURO

Seleccione su Camino

¿Necesita ayuda? ¡Llámenos!
Encuentre recursos y servicios aquí
Eventos comunitarios cerca de usted
Programa Multicultural
Adicionar Agencia
Boletín de Noticias (disponible en inglés)
Elder Abuse

Reporting Elder Abuse –

- **Emergencies**
  In an emergency, always call **911** first.

- **Adult Protective Services (APS) 24/7**
  1-888-APS-TENN or 1-888-277-8366

- **Tennessee Domestic Violence Hotline**
  1-800-356-6767
Information and Assistance

TN Commission on Aging & Disability (“TCAD”) Information and Assistance program

- Connects people to health and human services, general information and resources
- Trained to establish whether a caller may be eligible for certain programs, to help in crisis situations, and to provide extra help when needed.
- Coordinated through 9 local “Area Agencies on Aging and Disability” (AAADs)
  - Best place to start if you are looking for services in your area.
  - Call 1-866-836-6678 to be directed to your nearest AAAD
  - Nationwide Resource, Eldercare Locator - 1-800-677-1116
Similar to Pathfinder, TCAD website has a **search for a service** function – users can search by keyword, type of service, zip code, county, etc.

- [https://www.tnaaad.org/find-organizations](https://www.tnaaad.org/find-organizations)

**TCAD Transportation resource map**

- [https://www.tn.gov/aging/resources/transportation-map.html](https://www.tn.gov/aging/resources/transportation-map.html)

**National Family Caregiver Support Program**

- Helps families care for older relatives with chronic illness or disability in their homes.
- **Call 1-866-836-6678 to be directed to your nearest AAAD**
Home and Community Based Services

• Provides seniors 60+ and adults with physical disabilities who are at risk of entering long-term care facilities the option of receiving services in their homes

• **Call 1-866-836-6678 to be directed to your nearest AAAD** – they assess eligibility for home-and community based programs for seniors like ...
  - Medicaid waiver program - **CHOICES**
  - State-funded program - **OPTIONS**
    • Services provided to clients based on availability and level of need
      - Homemaker services
      - Personal care
      - Home-delivered meals
Additional Resources

- FiftyForward ‘supports, champions and enhances life for those 50 and older’ - https://fiftyforward.org/

- Middle TN Council on Aging ‘champions informed and positive aging and serves as the area’s catalyst for collaborative solutions’ - https://www.coamidtn.org/about-coa/

- TN SHIP – TCAD’s program for Medicare questions and counseling - 1-877-801-0044