



# NACDD

National Association of Councils  
on Developmental Disabilities



## What is a DD Council?

Congress created State/Territorial Councils on Developmental Disabilities (**DD Councils**) so people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families could **identify problems or gaps** in state and federal support systems and **create innovative solutions** with community partners to **improve outcomes for people with I/DD**



Picture description:  
Network180 Peer  
Mentoring, project with  
Michigan DD Council



Picture description: Fair  
Shake Network, grant  
recipient of West Virginia  
DD Council

- **Appropriated under the Labor-HHS-Education Bill**
- **Authorized under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act)**
- **Funded within the Administration for Community Living (ACL), under the Department of Health and Human Services**

## FY25: \$85M for DD Councils

**Language Request:** "The Committee recommends not less than \$800,000 for technical assistance and training for the State Councils on Developmental Disabilities. In addition, the Committee encourages ACL to consult with the appropriate Developmental Disabilities Act stakeholders prior to announcing opportunities for new technical assistance projects and to notify the Committee prior to releasing new funding opportunity announcements, grants, or contract awards with technical assistance funding."

## Impact of Funding for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities



Capacity building for individuals to be independent & self-sufficient



Innovative and cost-effective strategies for independence and self-sufficiency



Access to high-quality home & community-based service options



Access to, and improvement of, health & medical systems



Integration & participation in the community with access to community living



Partnerships to build & improve systems collaboration



Innovative service delivery projects for emergencies



Partnerships with state & local governments



Improving access and opportunities for employment



Picture description: TN DD Council Member and her daughter at a rest area, using an adjustable changing table

### Council Project Highlight

Tennessee's Changing Spaces

#### Areas of Focus

Community Access

#### Description

Council members' efforts to expand access to height-adjustable, adult size changing tables assisted in the installation of 50 tables across the state. In addition to the state committing to install tables at state facilities, there is now grant funding for municipalities and businesses to place tables in non-state facilities. Members of the TN DD Council also helped create a national map of table locations.

#### See

**Map** [https://my.atlistmaps.com/map/306b2633-4789-4c3c-af67-f948baa51f66?marker\\_id=8a246646-f172-4c74-badf-7ee639b65414](https://my.atlistmaps.com/map/306b2633-4789-4c3c-af67-f948baa51f66?marker_id=8a246646-f172-4c74-badf-7ee639b65414)

### Council Project Highlight

2023 Alabama Governor's Youth Leadership Forum (YLF)

#### Areas of Focus

Self-Advocacy, Education; Transition to Employment

#### Description

The Alabama DD Council collaborated with the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services and other partners (e.g., Alabama State Department of Education, Alabama Department of Mental Health, Troy University, Auburn University, Buffalo Rock) to provide a transition support for individuals with I/DD in transitioning from school to post-school environments, such as employment.

**See Blog Post** <https://rehab.alabama.gov/news/blog?p=yfl-delegates-learn-lessons-on-advocacy>



Picture description: Alabama YLF participants