

ADVOCACY IN ACTION | EMPOWERING people with developmental disabilities to CREATE CHANGE

“Nothing about me without me!” A mantra for people with disabilities that simply means to “be at the table” speaking for themselves where decisions are made that affect their lives. This requires information, training and support to ensure meaningful engagement. And that’s what the Council’s work to support self-advocacy has been about – helping people with developmental disabilities be strong, effective advocates on their own behalf and to impact and influence issues that are important to them, fight discrimination and expand opportunities.



“ People on the Go inspires, encourages and trains individuals with disabilities to advocate for themselves to create a life they love. ”

Council funding results in action & impact

In 2016, People on the Go, the statewide self-advocacy organization:

- Trained 144 people in leadership, self-advocacy and self-determination.
- Trained 335 people with developmental disabilities, families & providers on related topics.
- Led efforts to pass legislation to end sub-minimum wages for people with disabilities.
- Influenced policy and programs through participation on committees & commissions.
- Supported nine affiliated local self-advocacy groups with over 200 members.



479 people gained knowledge & skills to support advocacy, rights & independence



Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council

EMPOWERMENT • OPPORTUNITY • INCLUSION

The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council’s mission is to advance the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life.

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