

Vision

People with and without disabilities in Maryland live, learn, work, and play together.

Mission

We create change to make it possible for people with developmental disabilities to live the lives they want with the support they need.

Higher Expectations = More Inclusion
More Opportunities = Greater Acceptance
**Expectations Matter.
Expect Ability.**

CONNECT WITH US

Visit our website, sign up for our emails, and follow us on social media to get:

- News and information that is important to people with developmental disabilities and their families
- Council publications
- Information when we have money to support new projects



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HOW THE COUNCIL CREATES CHANGE:

We Lead: we take bold steps to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities. We help lead the way with new ideas.

We Advise: we are a trusted advisor to leaders in state government and the state legislature. We work with them to improve laws, policies, programs, and services.

We Advocate: we advocate for people with developmental disabilities to have the same opportunities in life that other members of the community have.

We Inform: we provide information and resources so people with developmental disabilities and their families can understand their rights, increase their independence, and find the services and supports they need.

We Empower: we fund advocacy and leadership training. People with developmental disabilities and their family members learn how to effectively advocate for themselves and others.

We Find Solutions: we use our funds to develop and test new ideas. We use what we learn to bring about change throughout Maryland.

We Change Lives

The Council works with people with developmental disabilities, their family members, organizations, and community members. Together we find solutions to problems and take action to bring about change. We develop a plan every 5 years to help us meet our goals. The plan includes the important issues we work on.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Council members help guide the Council's work. They bring different experiences, skills, and ideas that help us reach our goals.

Members include:

- People with developmental disabilities
- Family members of people with developmental disabilities
- State agencies
- Community organizations
- Disability Rights Maryland and Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities

COUNCIL FUNDING

The Council funds many different kinds of projects and activities. Everything we spend money on helps us make progress towards our goals. Visit our website or call us for more information.

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