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West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council Vacant Positions Member Recruitment

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The West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council (Council) is seeking applications for new members. A prospective member must have a developmental disability or be immediate family member. Members must share the Council's mission to ensure that West Virginians with developmental disabilities make their own choices, live independently, are productive, and included in their community.

The Council seeks to have its membership represent the population of West Virginia, and all regions of the state. Priority will be given to prospective applicants from counties or regions not currently represented.

The Member application is located at: <https://ddc.wv.gov/about/Pages/Membership.aspx>. Applications are due by March 16, 2026.

The Council is a 32-member organization established by an Executive Order of the Governor on March 6, 1972. The Council is administratively supported by the West Virginia Department of Health and is funded by a grant under the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-402 or DD Act).

The Council consists of citizens with developmental disabilities, family members and representatives from state and private organizations concerned with the provision of services to people with developmental disabilities. Over 60% are citizen members who are appointed by the Governor for a four-year term.

The Council is a self-governing organization authorized in accordance with the federal DD Act. One way the Council creates system change is by working with and advising leaders in state government and the state legislature. The Council can provide information, perspective, ideas, and analysis about how legislation and policies will affect people with developmental disabilities (DD) and their families.

The Council creates system change by taking the lead on issues, partnering with other entities, and engaging others to consult on policies and laws that affect people with DD and their families. More information may be found on our website at: <https://ddc.wv.gov/>.

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