



West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council 2024 IMPACT REPORT

\$1,302,896 Leverage Funds

The WVDDC leveraged over \$1.3 million in resources throughout West Virginia. This is almost double our annual federal allocation from the Administration on Community Living. The WVDDC does not accept any state funding.

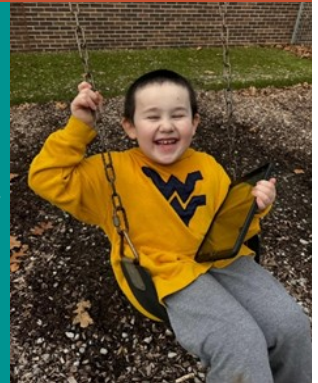


Increasing Advocacy

90% of people with disabilities and family members reported increasing their advocacy as a result of participating in WVDDC activities.

\$92,208 Grantee Matching Funds

The WVDDC awards demonstration grants to community entities to show innovative and cost-effective ways to support people with developmental disabilities. Grantees are required to provide at least 10% matching funds, and our grantees provide 54% more match than required. The dedication of our grantees results in more funding being invested in our communities statewide, and less reliance on federal funding.



Over 2,285 Volunteer Hours

The WVDDC had over 2,285 volunteer hours contributed to make West Virginia communities more inclusive for people with developmental disabilities. This equates to at least \$68,550 of time volunteered and not used from our federal award. Volunteer hours equate to 9% of our federal award.

2,078 Participating in Council Activities

2,078 people with developmental disabilities and family members participated in Council activities related to advocacy, self-advocacy, community building and engagement, and service system improvements and efficiencies.



45,142 Outreach Contacts

The self-advocacy organization made 45,142 unique interactions with West Virginians through in-person and virtual events, mailings, and social media.

Over 90% Satisfaction

94% of people with disabilities and family members reported they were highly satisfied with WVDDC activities for which they participated.



For more information, visit ddc.wv.gov or call 304-558-0418.

This project is supported by a federal from the U.S. Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC, 20201 as part of an award totaling \$737,312.

Leadership

120 people with developmental disabilities and family members are on cross disability coalitions, policy boards, governing bodies and/or serving in leadership positions.



Special Education

The WVDDC and Disability Rights of WV released the 4th edition of the Special Education Parent Advocacy Guide (PAG). In 2024, nearly 500 have been distributed to parents and teachers. The PAG is also available online through both organizations' websites.

Budget Cuts Stopped

The WVDDC joined people with developmental disabilities, family members, advocates, providers and other stakeholders in advocacy and education efforts to restore \$10,854,174 budget cuts to the Medicaid Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Waiver.



Person-Centered Planning

The WVDDC funded a demonstration grant utilizing a train the trainer model to educate people with developmental disabilities on person-centered planning. This project provided training to 134 people.



Homes Not Institutions

The WVDDC provided education and advocacy to state lawmakers and policymakers in the form of meetings, letters and fact sheets concerning a bill to develop a 20-bed institution for people with developmental disabilities (HB 4408). As a result of this advocacy and education, the bill was not pass out of committee.

Supported Decision Making

The WVDDC held two training sessions on Supported Decision Making and other alternatives to guardianship. A total of 132 young adults with developmental disabilities, family members, and teachers attended these session and received a Supported Decision Making toolkit.



Increased I/DD Waiver Rates

The WVDDC joined people with disabilities, family members, advocates, providers and stakeholders to educate and advocate for higher pay rates for direct care workers of the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Waiver Program.



Partners in Policymaking

31 former graduates of Partners in Policymaking (PIP) came together for a PIP reunion. Three individuals with developmental disabilities and two family members shared their advocacy successes and lessons learned after participating in PIP.



The WVDDC's mission is to assure that West Virginia citizens with developmental disabilities receive the services, supports, and other forms of assistance they need to exercise self-determination and achieve independence, productivity, integration and inclusion in the community.