



WV Developmental Disabilities Council
Draft 5-Year State Plan Goals and Objectives
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Advocacy and Self-Advocacy

Goal 1: The Council will help people with I/DD, their families, and community members get the information they need and take part in advocacy to improve services and supports.

Objective 1.1: The Council will support and expand opportunities for people with I/DD, family members, and community members to learn about resources available to them and how and where to access them.

Objective 1.2: The Council will support self-advocates in activities, training, and leadership opportunities to enhance their skills and abilities to advocate for themselves on all choices affecting their lives.

Capacity Building

Goal 2: The Council will help create stronger support networks that prepare people with disabilities and their family members/caregivers to succeed.

Objective 2.1: The Council will support educators, families, and advocates to improve knowledge of West Virginia's special education system to encourage student success.

Objective 2.2: The Council will support the increase of the number of people with disabilities who are working in competitive, integrated employment.

Systems Change

Goal 3: The Council will strengthen West Virginia's service systems by addressing unmet needs leading to lasting improvements for people with developmental disabilities and their communities.

Objective 3.1: The Council will collaborate with the DD Network partners and other state agencies or partners to identify gaps in services and respond to the needs of people with developmental disabilities.

Objective 3.2: The Council will work to increase the number of people who engage in political, and systems change advocacy to support people with developmental disabilities to enjoy full, meaningful lives.