Learn About

State Council on Developmental Disabilities

CALIFORNIA

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State Council on Developmental Disabilities
The State Council is established by state and federal law, it is an independent agency.

The Council’s job is to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and supports they need.

The Council believes

People with disabilities know best what supports and services they need to live independently and actively participate in their communities.
State Council on Developmental Disabilities

State Council Activities

- Advocate for good laws.

- Recommend policy changes.

- Work to achieve a person-centered based system.
Self-Advocate Advisory Committee

The Committee acts as a voice for Californians with disabilities.

Promoting State Council participation and peer advocacy to advance independence and inclusion.

Committee members are members of the State Council and appointed by the Governor.
Self-Advocate Advisory Committee Activities

Advise the State Council on issues important to persons with developmental disabilities.

1. Help the Council set priorities and advocacy goals.

2. Give the State Council information about how the service system is working in our communities.

3. Give community, consumers and families information about issues important to persons with disabilities.
Individuals with developmental disabilities have information, skills, opportunities and support to:

- Advocate for rights and services.
- Achieve self determination, independence, productivity, integration and inclusion in all community life.
Committee members educate the community about the role and purpose of the State Council and Committee.

Members participate in -

- Statewide self-advocacy network
- Local self-advocacy groups
- Educate self-advocates at conferences
- Train self-advocates as peer trainers
Self-Advocate Advisory Committee Leadership

Advocacy Strategy

Easy way to take charge, make plans and take thoughtful actions.

THINK
What is important to you

PLAN
Create a plan

DO
Take Action
Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

State Plan

Statewide Network

13 Area Boards

Community Advocacy Groups
Self-Advocacy Network Vision

Build a statewide peer advocacy network that links advocates, communities, regions and statewide leadership.

- Increase representation
- Advocate regionally and statewide
- Personal and group leadership
- Outcomes that increase choice and futures
People with disabilities take the lead.

- Advocate with local, state and national policy-makers.
- Impact national, state and local policies.
- Measurable Outcomes!
## Invited Network Partners

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State Network Purpose

- Make multi-year statewide advocacy plans
- Address advocacy interests
- Leadership development
- Outcomes – real change!
Outreach and Communication

Network Online Newsletter
Newsletter highlighting successes, strategies, tools and stories.

Updates and Events
Online Network group to learn about activities

Conferences
Workshops and presentations at conferences
Online Resources

Easy to use website
Network Activities
Easy to Use Materials
Advocacy/Leadership Tools
Your Leadership

Join a Self-Advocacy Group.

Join a local Advisory Committee or Board.

How you can get involved!

Create your own leadership mission statement.

Make your plan and carry it out.
What is important to you?

Would you like me to bring any ideas to our Committee?
Network Links

SSAN
Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

www.scddadvocacy.org

www.scdd.ca.gov