



2011-2016 State Plan

Plain Language Version

Introduction

State Councils on Developmental Disabilities get money from the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) to help people with developmental disabilities make choices about their lives, speak up about their ideas and needs, and be independent and equal members of the community. Every five (5) years, Councils develop a State Plan that explains how they will help people.

To help in local communities, there are 13 regional offices that are part of the Council. These offices also do the work of the State Plan all through the state of California.

2011-16 STATE PLAN

Goal #1: People with developmental disabilities get the help they need to be a part of the community and control their own lives.

1.1: The Council will train, support and help 1,450 self-advocates and work to grow the statewide self-advocacy network (SSAN), making it stronger with money and other kinds of support. This will include adults and young people with different types of disabilities.

Goal #2: People know their rights and get the supports and services they need.

2.1: Every year, people with developmental disabilities, their families, and staff will be given information and help from the Council to get services through at least 50 trainings, conferences, computer presentations, and other information.

Goal #3: People will say how they feel about their services and if they feel their needs are met.

3.1: The Council will work to find good services and support the right of people with developmental disabilities to make their own decisions and speak for themselves all over California and in small communities.



Goal #4: Emergency workers and the court system will get information and help so they can help in the right way when people with developmental disabilities have been abused, neglected, or hurt - or if someone has taken away their money or their rights.

4.1: The Council will work with and train law enforcement officers and others in public safety jobs about people with developmental disabilities and their needs.

Goal #5: People with developmental disabilities and their families get the information to be prepared for emergencies.

5.1: At least 300 people with developmental disabilities or their family members will be ready in case of an emergency through the work of the Council and others.

Goal #6: Young adults with developmental disabilities and their families get the information and support to be prepared for and experience a successful transition to adult life.

6.1: Students with developmental disabilities and their families will receive information, advocacy and support during transition to adult life. Babies and toddlers who have problems with development will get the services they need to help them grow.



Goal #7: Children birth to 3 who are at risk of, or have, a developmental delay and their families receive the early intervention services they need to achieve their potential.



7.1: Parents of young children and the people who work with them will learn about services and understand their rights through training and information from the Council. The Council will work with Disability Rights California and other advocacy groups to help parents who are having trouble getting education and other kinds of services for their children.

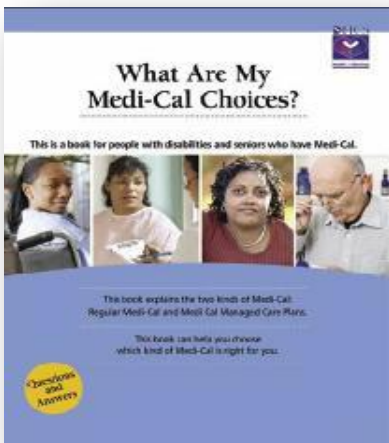
Goal #8: The State of California will make an Employment First policy about work that includes everyone and gives good pay to people with developmental disabilities who want to have jobs.

8.1: The State Council's Employment First Committee will watch and find ways to make sure that California's Employment First policy is used.

Goal #9: Adults with developmental disabilities learn how - and get support - to get and keep work that pays well.



9.1: Adults with developmental disabilities, their families, and others who support them will be given information about jobs and the good things about jobs that pay well through trainings, workshops, and conferences.



Goal #10: People will know their choices for health care services.

10.1: Self-advocates, family members, and other advocates will get information and training on Medi-Cal programs and changes in how to get health services, including how to get free or low-cost health services.

Goal #11: People will get accessible housing that gives them choices about where they want to live and that they can pay for.

11.1: At least 100 people with developmental disabilities and their families will get information about housing choices.



Goal #12: There will be more housing choices in local communities.

12.1: The Council will work with local housing agencies to change laws so people with developmental disabilities can get housing. If the Council finds out that a neighborhood doesn't want people with disabilities to live there, it will work with lawyers and others to let them know about the problem.

Goal #13: People with developmental disabilities and their families will get services and supports available to everyone else (such as recreation, transportation, childcare, etc.), so they can live happy, healthy lives in their own communities.



13.1: The Council will work with and give advice to agencies - including child care, recreation, transportation and other agencies - to protect the rights of people with developmental disabilities and make sure they are included in the community.

Goal #14: California has laws for people with developmental disabilities and their families that support freedom and the right to have jobs, get services in communities, make decisions, and speak for themselves.

14.1: The Council will tell lawmakers about laws and new ideas for laws that are important to people with developmental disabilities. The Council will help state and local leaders to understand the needs of people with developmental disabilities and their families.



Goal #15: People with developmental disabilities and their families will get information and help in their own languages.

15.1: Information that is given by the Council will be in plain language and other languages that people use.

