



# NOTICE/AGENDA

## STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

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**CALL IN NUMBER:** **1-888-475-4499**

**MEETING ID:** **961 0387 0208**

**DATE:** October 26, 2023

**TIME:** 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

**COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Harold Ashe

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**Item 1. CALL TO ORDER**

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**Item 2. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

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**Item 3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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**Item 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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*Harold Ashe, Committee Chair and Bridget Kolakosky, Deputy Director*

**a. 2023 Bill Update**


- I. Sponsor/Co-Sponsor: [SB 37](#);
- II. Support:
  - Civil Rights: [AB 248](#); [AB 545](#); [SB 544](#)
  - Education: [AB 87](#); [AB 447](#); [SB 483](#); [AB 624](#)
  - Housing: [AB 1097](#); [SB 246](#)
  - Human Service: [AB 222](#); [AB 244](#); [AB 1568](#); [SB 271](#); [AB 1147](#)
  - Public Safety: [AB 280](#); [AB 946](#); [AB 1567](#)

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- a. 2023 Bill Ideas Contest
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- c. 2024 Policy Priorities 

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*Yolanda Cruz, SCDD Sequoia Regional Office Manager*

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**AGENDA ITEM 4.  
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – LPPC**

***Public Comment***

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**AGENDA ITEM 5.**

**ACTION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – LPPC**

***Approval of March 2023 Minutes***

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Members will review and approve the March 2023 meeting minutes.

***Action Recommended***

Approve the March 16, 2023, minutes.

***Attachment(s)***

March 2023 Meeting Minutes



**DRAFT**  
**Legislative and Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**March 16, 2023**

**Attending Members**

Andy Imparato  
Harold Ashe (FA)  
Julie Neward (FA)  
Nicole Adler (SA)  
Rosie Ryan (SA)  
Viviana Barnwell  
Wesley Witherspoon (SA)

**Members Absent**

Alex Reyes (SA)  
Andy Imparato (DRC)  
Connie Lapin (FA)  
Michael Rillera

**Others Attending**

Aaron Carruthers  
Brian Weisel  
Bridget Kolakosky  
Chris Arroyo  
Jennifer Lucas  
Jessica Riestra  
Ken DaRosa  
Riana Hardin  
Robin Maitino-Erben  
Teresa Anderson  
Veronica Bravo  
Victoria Schlusser  
Yaritza Sanchez

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Harold Ashe called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

**2. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

**3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Witherspoon [SA]/Ryan [SA]) and carried to adopt the January 17, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. (Motion passed unanimously, Councilmembers Viviana Barnwell and Julie

Neward were not present for the vote. See page one for a record of members present)

## 6. **STATE LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET UPDATES**

Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Bridget Kolakosky, provided members with an update on legislative priorities, SCDD's 2022 "There Should Be a Law" contest, and provided 14 bill recommendations to the Committee for consideration.

Self-advocate Natalia Castro from the San Bernadino region won the 2022 There Should Be a Law Contest for her proposal to require background checks for nonprofits/churches.

Deputy Director Kolakosky reported that the Council is continuing its focus on Employment, Safety, and Housing for this legislative calendar year. Additionally, she proposed that the Committee spend time this year focusing on safety, abuse, and neglect. The goal is to build a coalition to advocate in the legislature for improved safety and identify possible bill ideas.

The following were the bills presented to the Committee for consideration.

### Supported Bills

- AB 248 (Mathis) Individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities: The Dignity for All Act.
- AB 545 (Pellerin) Access for Voters with Disabilities
- AB 447 (Arambula) Inclusive Higher Education Act
- AB 87 (Quirk-Silva) Special education: Section 504 plans: team meetings
- SB 483 (Cortese) "Prone Restraints"
- AB 1097 (Luz Rivas) Credit history of persons receiving government rent subsidies.
- SB 246 (Ochoa-Bogh) California Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)
- AB 222 (Arambula) Civil Rights Department: Californians with disabilities workgroup
- AB 1568 (Wood) Independent living skills services: rates

- AB 244 (Wilson) Specialized Inclusivity Training for Childcare Staff Grant Program
- SB 271 (Dodd) Wheelchairs
- AB1567 (Principal Authors: Eduardo Garcia, Wendy Carrillo, Connolly, Friedman, and Papan). Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2023
- AB 280 (Holden) Segregated Confinement
- AB 946 (Nguyen) Emergency services: endangered missing advisory

It was moved/seconded (Imparato/Witherspoon [SA]) and carried to adopt staff's bill recommendations and send them to the full Council for consideration at the March 2023 Council meeting. (Motion passed unanimously, Councilmember Viviana Barnwell was not present for the vote. See page one for a record of members present)

## 7. **SILENCE = VIOLENCE PRESENTATION**

Teresa Anderson from The ARC provided a presentation on The ARC's Silence = Violence program. Members participated throughout the presentation, discussing what they were taught about safety and what makes them feel safe, and sharing ideas about safety-related legislation.

The Committee requested a follow-up presentation at a future meeting.

## 8. **UPDATES AND STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided a summary of what would be discussed at the March Council meeting. Hyperlinks for official agency updates on the DDS Taskforce and Workgroup, Self-Determination Program and CalABLE were provided to members in the packet and in the Zoom meeting chat.

## 9. **MEMBER UPDATES**

There were no member updates provided.

## 10. **2023 MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The committee will meet on September 12, 2023, and October 23, 2023. The meeting adjourned at 2:31 PM.



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**October 26, 2023**

**AGENDA ITEM 6.  
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – LPPC**

***State Legislative and Budget Updates***

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The goal of this agenda item is to review the status of the 2023 Legislative package and receive updates on budget and other important legislative and/or regulatory items.

A legislative presentation and updated Bill Chart will be provided to assist in this discussion.

***Attachment(s)***

Legislative Update Presentation  
2023 Bill Chart

***Handout(s)***

May be handouts the day of the meeting.

# 2023 Legislative Update

Bridget Kolakosky, Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs

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# 2023 Bills- Civil Rights #1

- **Bill: AB 248 (Mathis)** Individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities: The Dignity for All Act.
- **What the bill will do:** replaces outdated terms used in law to describe individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities to “individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities”. Example: the “R” word
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS:** to Governor for signature

# 2023 Bills- Civil Rights #2

**Bill: AB 545 (Pellerin) Access for Voters with Disabilities**

**What the bill will do:** would make accessible voting more available by requiring all in-person voting locations to offer curbside voting

**Position:** Support

**STATUS: Passed-** Signed by Governor

# 2023 Bills- Civil Rights – New Add

**Bill: SB 544 (Laird) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act- Teleconferencing**

**What the bill will do:** promotes accessibility of public meetings, making it easier for persons with disabilities to meaningfully participate in public meetings.

**Position:** Support (formerly a “watch” bill, we changed to support)

**STATUS: PASSED-** signed by Governor

# 2023 Bills- Civil Rights #4

**Bill: AB 222 (Arambula)** Civil Rights Department: Californians with disabilities workgroup

**What will it do:** creates a workgroup to improve employment for persons with I/DD. (DRC Sponsor)

**Position:** Support

**STATUS:** Became a 2-year bill, not moving this year

# 2023 Bills- Education #1

- **Bill: AB 447 (Arambula) Inclusive Higher Education Act**
- **What the bill will do:** encourages more inclusive college programs at UC and CSU. This bill is currently the same as the bill we sponsored last year, AB 2920.
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS: Passed-** signed by Governor

# 2023 Bills- Education – New Add

- **Bill: AB 624 (Grayson)** Public postsecondary education: disabled student services: assessments
- **What the bill will do:** Students who seek accommodations in college are required to submit assessments. This bill requires the colleges to cover the costs of these assessments.
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS: VETOED** by Governor



# 2023 Bills- Education #3

- **Bill: AB 87 (Quirk-Silva)** Special education: Section 504 plans: team meetings
- **What will bill do:** allows audio recordings of individualized education program (IEP) team meetings by a parent, guardian, or local educational agency to team meetings for pupils with an adopted plan. (DRC Sponsor)
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS: PASSED-** Signed by Governor

# 2023 Bills- Education #4

- **Bill: SB 483 (Cortese) “Prone Restraints”**
- **What will it do:** would prohibit the use of “prone restraint”, which physically or mechanically restrains students in a face down position. Unfortunately, prone restraint is often used on students with disabilities. (DRC Sponsor)
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS:** has become a 2-year bill-this bill is not moving this year.

# 2023 Bills- Housing #1

- **Bill: AB 1097 (Luz Rivas)** Credit history of persons receiving government rent subsidies
- **What will it do:** bill would prohibit the use of a person's credit history as part of the application process for a rental housing accommodation without offering the applicant the option of providing alternative evidence of ability to pay when applying for a government rent subsidy.
- **STATUS:** REMOVED from Support List. Bill became a tax law bill.

# 2023 Bills- Housing #2

- **Bill: SB 37 (Caballero)** Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act.
- **What the bill will do:** provide cash assistance to persons with I/DD that are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS:** Is now a 2-year bill—we will have to wait and see until next year

# 2023 Bills- Housing #3

- **Bill: SB 246 (Ochoa-Bogh)** California Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)
- **What will it do:** bill adds a representative from SCDD to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) so that ICH can have the perspective of those with developmental disabilities who have experienced homelessness.
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS:** Bill failed in Appropriations – but may come back next year

# 2023 Bills- Human Services #1

- **Bill: AB 1568 (Wood)** Independent living skills services: rates
- **What will it do:** improve access to independent living skills services. Require DDS to implement a rate setting procedure for state payment of independent living skills services; Requires these services include functional skills training such as cooking, money management, use of medical and dental services, and would prohibit those services from being conducted in a center-based environment.
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS:** Bill failed in Appropriations but may come back next year

# 2023 Bills- Human Services - New Add

- **Bill: AB 1147 (Addis/Garcia)** Disability Equity and Accountability Act of 2023
- **What will the bill do:** Increases oversight of regional center operations and performance.
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS:** Ordered to inactive file by Senator Menjivar but may come back next year.

# 2023 Bills- Human Services #3

**Bill: AB 244 (Wilson)** Specialized Inclusivity Training for Childcare Staff Grant Program

**What will it do:** This bill would establish the Specialized Inclusivity Training for Child-Care Staff Grant Program. The grants would train staff on including children with disabilities and collect data from child-care centers and family child-care homes to confirm the effectiveness of the training.

**Position:** Support

**STATUS:** Failed Deadline in Assembly house



# 2023 Bills- Human Services #4

**Bill: SB 271 (Dodd) Wheelchair Repair**

**What will it do:** By requiring manufacturers to provide information, tools, and replacement parts to an owner or an independent repair provider --this bill would increase accessibility and affordability for wheelchair users, making it easier for consumers to maintain their devices and keep them in good working condition

**Position:** Support

**STATUS: VETOED** by Governor

# 2023 Bills- Public Safety #1

- **Bill: AB 1567 (Principal Authors: Eduardo Garcia, Wendy Carrillo, Connolly, Friedman, and Papan).** Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2023
- **What will it do:** provide technical assistance to disadvantaged communities or vulnerable populations, including those with access and functional needs, during different types of emergencies.
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS:** Failed deadline in Committee

# 2023 Bills- Public Safety #2

- **Bill: AB 280 (Holden) Segregated Confinement**
- **What will it do:** bill would among many other things, prohibit facilities from forcing an individual into confinement if they are in a designated population, including, that the individual has a mental or physical disability or that the individual is under age 26 or over age 59. (DRC Sponsor)
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS:** Ordered to Inactive file by Senator Holden, may come back next year

# 2023 Bills- Public Safety #3

- **Bill: AB 946** (Nguyen) Emergency services: endangered missing advisory
- **What the bill will do:** it would include persons with I/DD to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Endangered Missing Advisory.
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS: PASSED-** signed by Governor

# Budget Update

# Employment First Office Created

## 3 Years in Review

- 2021 - SB 639 ended subminimum wages in California
  - 2022 - stakeholder workgroup recommended an Employment 1st Office to resolve the unrealized expectations of employment first policy in California
  - Summer 2023- we created the Employment 1st Office in the California Health and Human Services Agency
- Effective 7/1/2024
  - Improve state agency and department efforts to expand employment opportunities, coordination, and reduce siloing across programs.
  - Next steps: SCDD is building a resource to support the new Office. We welcome all contributions on an ongoing basis, including anonymous.
  - LEAP SIP is now a permanent program

# What Will the Employment 1<sup>st</sup> Office Do?

- Make recommendations for legislative, regulatory, and policy changes
- Establish or improve reporting to measure the success of employment programs
- Monitor progress on employment
- Link data collection systems across state government entities through the development of a unique identification system.
- Track, analyze, and publicize service code utilization and vocational outcomes across the system.



# THANK YOU!

Any Questions?



Bill Number	Author	Intro	Bill Summary	Current Status	Position	Policy Category
<a href="#">SB 37</a>	Caballero	2/15/23	bill provides rental cash assistance to prevent homelessness	Became a 2-year bill	Sponsor	Housing
<a href="#">AB 248</a>	Mathis	1/18/23	Removes outdated and offensive language such as the "R" word from California laws and replaces with "individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities" I/DD.	Awaiting Governor Approval	Support	Civil Rights
<a href="#">AB 545</a>	Pellerin	2/8/23	Voting Accessibility. Permits a voter with a disability to vote by curbside outside any polling place. Expands the list of required supplies to assist voters with disabilities. (DRC Sponsor)	Awaiting Governor Approval	Support	Civil rights
<a href="#">AB 447</a>	Arambula	2/6/23	(AB 2920 in 2022) creates inclusive college opportunities, creates pilot program in CSU/UC.	Awaiting Governor Approval	Support	Education
<a href="#">AB 87</a>	Quirk-Silva	1/4/23	extends the authorization of audio recordings of individualized education program team meetings by a parent, guardian, or local educational agency to team meetings for pupils with an adopted plan (DRC Sponsor)	Passed-approved by Governor	Support	Education

<a href="#"><u>SB 483</u></a>	Cortese	2/14/23	would prohibit the use of “prone restraint”, which physically or mechanically restrains students in a face down position. Unfortunately, prone restraint is often used on students with special needs ( <a href="#">DRC Sponsor</a> )	Became a 2-year bill	Support	Education
<a href="#"><u>AB 1097</u></a>	Rivas	2/15/23	This bill would prohibit the use of a person’s credit history as part of the application process for a rental housing accommodation without offering the applicant the option of providing alternative evidence of ability to pay when applying for a government rent subsidy. ( <a href="#">ARC Support</a> )	N/A	No longer Support-became tax bill	Housing
<a href="#"><u>SB 246</u></a>	Ochoa-Bogh	1/26/23	bill adds a representative from SCDD to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) so that ICH can have the perspective of those with developmental disabilities who have experienced homelessness.	Failed in committee, may come back next year	Support	Housing
<a href="#"><u>AB 1568</u></a>	Wood	2/17/23	bill would require that independent living skills services have functional skills training components, including, cooking, money management, use of medical and dental services, and community resource awareness, and would prohibit those services from being conducted in a center-based environment. The bill would require the department, on or before August 1, 2023, to revise and implement an equitable and cost-effective rate-setting procedure for state payment for independent living skills services, including that independent living skills services shall not be categorized as a community-based day program or adult day program and the rate-setting procedure shall reflect the reasonable cost of independent living skills services.	Failed in committee, may come back next year	Support	Hum. Serv
<a href="#"><u>AB 222</u></a>	Arambula	1/10/23	creates a workgroup to ensure civil rights and services in regional centers. ( <a href="#">DRC Sponsor</a> )	Became a 2-year bill	Support	Hum. Serv

<a href="#">AB 244</a>	Wilson	1/17/23	Specialized Inclusivity Training for Childcare Staff Grant Program. This bill would establish the Specialized Inclusivity Training for Child Care Staff Grant Program, to be administered by the department. The bill would require the Department of Social Services, to award grants to childcare centers and family childcare homes to fund staff training on including children with disabilities and to collect data from child care centers and family child care homes that receive grants to determine whether the training provides better access to childcare for children with disabilities.	Failed deadline to move out of committee in its original house.	Support	Hum. Serv
<a href="#">AB 624</a>	Grayson	2/9/23	Students who seek accommodation in college are required to submit assessments. This bill requires the colleges to cover the costs of these assessments.	Vetoed by Governor- did not pass.	Support	Education
<a href="#">SB 544</a>	Laird	2/15/23	Public Meetings. Accessibility. promotes accessibility of public meetings, making it easier for persons with disabilities to meaningfully participate in public meetings.	Passed- approved by Governor	Support	Civil Rights

AB 1147	Addis	2/16/23	Increases oversight of regional center operations and performance.	Ordered to inactive file at the request of Senator Menjivar, may come back next year	Support	Hum. Serv
<a href="#">SB 271</a>	Dodd	1/31/23	Wheelchair Repair. This bill would require an original manufacturer of a powered wheelchair to provide documentation, parts, embedded software, firmware, and tools used to inspect, diagnose, maintain, and repair the wheelchair to an owner or an independent repair provider.	Vetoed by Governor- did not pass.	Support	Hum. Serv
<a href="#">AB 1567</a>	Assembly Members Garcia, Wendy Carrillo, Connolly, Friedman, Papan, Reyes, and Luz Rivas	2/17/23	The Office of Emergency Services and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection shall provide technical assistance to disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged communities, or vulnerable populations, including those with access and functional needs, socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, and economically distressed areas to ensure the grant program reduces the vulnerability of those most in need.	Failed deadline out of committee	Support	Public Safety
<a href="#">AB 280</a>	Holden	1/24/23	The bill would among many other things, prohibit facilities from involuntarily placing an individual in segregated confinement if the individual belongs to a designated population, including, that the individual has a mental or physical disability or that the individual is under 26 years of age or over 59 years of age. The bill would require the facility to periodically check on the individual and have a medical or	Ordered to Inactive file at the request of Senator Holden- may come back next year	Support	Public Safety

			mental health professional periodically assess the individual. (DRC Sponsor/ARC Support)			
<a href="#"><u>AB 946</u></a>	Nguyen	2/14/23	Adds persons with I/DD to an Endangered Missing Advisory by Ca Highway Patrol. (ARC Support)	Passed- Approved by Governor	Support	Public Safety

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**AGENDA ITEM 7.**  
**POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – LPPC**

***2024 Legislative Planning***

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The goal of this agenda item is to update members on the status of the 2023 Bill Idea Contest and for the Committee to begin activity planning for 2024. Staff will provide a presentation of the Legislative process and timeline. Using the 2022-26 State Plan and 2023-24 Policy Priorities documents, members will begin identifying possible legislative ideas.

***Attachment(s)***

2022-26 State Plan

2023-24 Policy Priorities

***Handout(s)***

Legislative Process and Timing Presentation

2023 “There Should Be A Law” Report

Could be additional handout(s) day of meeting.

# Revised 2022-26 State Plan

## Goal 1: Self-Advocacy

**By 2026, the Council will maintain and/or increase the number of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities to become strong self-advocates, peer trainers and community leaders.**

### Objectives

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| <b>1.1</b> | <p>The Council will provide information and resources through 250 regional/statewide self-advocacy chats, 40 regional/statewide projects/events and 125 trainings to strengthen 12,000 self-advocates in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1)</b> Achieving self-governance with supports, as requested;</li><li><b>2)</b> Identifying and asking for the supports and services that they need;</li><li><b>3)</b> Becoming and serving as peer trainers;</li><li><b>4)</b> Developing skills and opportunities to engage as strong activists for issues that are important to them and their families; and,</li><li><b>5)</b> Participating in culturally diverse, cross-disability coalitions.</li></ol> |
| <b>1.2</b> | <p>The Council will collaborate with and/or support self-advocates in peer networks, including culturally diverse, cross-disability coalitions, by providing facilitation, tangible supports and peer advocacy/leadership opportunities through at least 1 statewide and 12 regional self-advocacy entities, reaching 6,000 self-advocates.</p>   |
| <b>1.3</b> | <p>In the event of unforeseen project opportunities, emerging needs, and/or community, cross-regional or statewide requests, the Council may engage in additional activities with and/or on behalf of self-advocates and those who support and serve them.</p>  |

## Goal 2: Systems Change/Advocacy

**By 2026, the Council will lead in partnership with family/self-advocates and others to protect and enhance civil rights to improve community-based systems and be more fully inclusive and supportive of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families.**

### Objectives

**2.1**

The Council will monitor and collaborate with local, regional and/or statewide entities to develop, improve and/or change 75 practices, 60 policies, and 15 regulations (or guidance), statutes and/or laws in the systems of regional centers, community-based services, and governmental entities. This work will include the areas of employment, education, housing, health/safety and/or emerging issues in ways that will benefit people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and protect their civil rights, promote full inclusion, and/or provide additional supports and services, improving their lives in tangible ways.

**2.2**

The Council will engage in 40 regional and 5 statewide innovative/special projects and/or events in the areas of employment, education, housing, health/safety and/or self-determination to:

- 1)** Support 30,000 people (family/self-advocates and others) in systems change efforts and give them information, skills and/or supports to increase their abilities to become effective advocates;
- 2)** Engage in professional training and/or other efforts to implement systems, demonstrate or support systems change; and/or,
- 3)** Increase services and/or improve supports for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families.

**2.3**

The Council, in collaboration with California's four (4) partners (one Protection and Advocacy agency and three University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities), will seek to improve the generic service system that impacts people with intellectual/developmental disabilities by choosing one or more areas of emphasis in the State Plan, such as education, employment, housing, and/or health/safety, and report on how that system is serving people with I/DD, gaps in that service delivery system, recommendations on how to improve the systems to meet the goals of the DD Act, and/or pursue policy and practice changes in those areas. The collaboration will result in the review or development of 2 reports, 6 recommendations for policy or practice changes, and 2 Legislative or Administrative changes to policy or practice.



### **Goal 3: Capacity-Building/Advocacy**

**By 2026, the Council will increase partnerships with and support of more people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families, so they know their rights and can advocate for and receive supports and services.**

#### **Objectives**

**3.1**

The Council will increase the capacity of 70,000 people with assistance and resources to identify and obtain the supports and services to help people with intellectual/developmental disabilities live a safer and healthier life, by:

- 1.** Establishing and/or collaborating with and supporting 10 family-advocate groups/networks,
- 2.** Providing (staff-led, peer-led and/or collaborative) training to 45,000 people (family/self-advocates/others) throughout the state – virtually, online and/or in person, and
- 3.** Providing technical assistance (TA)/advocacy clinics, reaching 25,000 people.

**3.2**

The Council will engage in 100 projects and events in the areas of employment, education, housing, health/safety, and/or emerging issues, reaching 25,000 people (family/self-advocates/others) with information and resources to enhance their knowledge and increase their capacity to obtain supports and services that are important to them.

**3.3**

In order to reduce the disparities in obtaining a free, appropriate public education, the Council will work with 5,000 Spanish-speaking family/self-advocates throughout the state to advocate for and increase the number and type/quality of special education services they receive through their own local education agencies.

## Policy Priorities 2023-24

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### PROTECTING AND ENHANCING CIVIL RIGHTS

Every person with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) has the right to self-determination, equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency no matter their disability.

*The Council will work to ensure civil rights, including identification and reduction of racial and ethnic inequalities and disparities, are protected and enhanced and full implementation of state/federal policies including but not limited to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Home and Community-Based Services Settings Rule, Every Student Succeeds Act and Achieving Better Life Experience Act.*

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### GUARANTEEING ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Every student with I/DD has the right to a quality inclusive education with their peers that prepares them for post-secondary education and/or competitive integrated employment (CIE). Students with disabilities must be provided the same opportunities for learning, in the classroom and online, as students without disabilities.

Every person with I/DD should have the opportunity to be employed in CIE. Individuals must have access to information, benefits counseling, transition planning, job training, career exploration and information and support for inclusive post-secondary education. New or expanded pathways to CIE must be developed and supported, including apprenticeships and internships.

*The Council will work to ensure the implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Every Student Succeeds Act and other federal and state policies to ensure that students with disabilities are provided the services and supports needed to receive quality inclusive education.*

*The Council will work to ensure the full and robust implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and California's Employment First Law, that policies and practices improve opportunities for and incentivize CIE, to create hiring incentives and supports for all employers and contractors and make the state a model employer.*

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### IDENTIFYING & PRIORITIZING EMERGING ISSUES IN THE I/DD COMMUNITY

Every person with a developmental disability should not have to deal with problems of that arise due to the emergence of inequality issues in the community. Events in our every day lives, both due to policy changes and unforeseen events, have the ability to cause unintended consequences for the I/DD community. These issues must be identified and acted upon swiftly to ensure as little harm as possible is inflicted.

*The Council will work to ensure any and all emerging issues including but not limited to dealing with disparity across all I/DD issues, barriers to participating in a community setting, and roadblocks to access for people with I/DD are dealt with through policy changes. The Council will work to ensure the Self Determination Ombudsperson program at the Department of Developmental Services uses its authority to ensure people with I/DD become successful participants in the Self Determination Program.*

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## **PROMOTING ACCESS TO QUALITY SUPPORTS IN THE COMMUNITY**

Every person with I/DD should have the ability to fully participate in their communities. Receiving quality, individualized services is the cornerstone for people with I/DD to be safe, healthy and to promote self-determination, interdependence and inclusion. Community-based services/supports require adequate wages for providers; therefore, the state must restore rates. Disparities in access, outcomes and quality for services and supports must be addressed. Complexities in the service delivery systems must be reduced.

*The Council will work to continue to restore the Department of Developmental Services programs cut in 2009, to make meaningful improvements to the service delivery system to reduce disparities, increase transparency and accountability and increase quality outcomes, support efforts to provide adequate wages to providers for inclusive and quality supports, and work to ensure successful implementation of the Self-Determination Program.*

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## **ENSURING SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY**

Every person with I/DD has a right to be safe and must be provided emergency preparedness training and training in personal safety. Law enforcement personnel, first responders, emergency medical professionals and the judicial system must be trained in how to work with people with I/DD (including those who are suspects, victims or witnesses of crimes) during the course of their duties.

*The Council will work to ensure people with I/DD are safe, free from abuse and neglect and have access to services and supports in their communities during all types of disasters or emergencies and an adequate safety net for people in crisis and access to adequate crisis intervention services.*

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## **IMPROVING HOUSING AND COMMUNITY LIVING**

Every person with I/DD should have the opportunity to live in the community. Permanent, affordable, accessible, safe and sustained housing options must be continually developed. Statewide inclusive living options for individuals with I/DD must be increased and enhanced through access to housing and subsidies that are paired in a timely manner with needed services and supports.

*The Council will work to implement the policy recommendations in the Statewide Strategic Framework for Housing and create a dedicated housing fund to support integrated community housing for people with I/DD.*

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**AGENDA ITEM 8.**

**ACTION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – LPPC**

***Introduction to Health and Safety DEAP***

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Regional Manager Yolanda Cruz will provide an overview of SCDD's Health & Safety (H&S) Disability Expert Advisory Panel or DEAP. The H&S DEAP is made up of internal staff who are subject matter experts in health and safety. This group monitors and tracks emerging issues, attends and conducts various trainings such as crisis intervention and other law enforcement and first responder trainings, develops curriculum, and works collaboratively to build coalitions that promote the health and safety of the I/DD community.

***Attachment(s)***

None.

***Handout(s)***

May be handouts the day of the meeting.

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**AGENDA ITEM 9.  
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – LPPC**

***Updates and Standing Agenda Items***

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The goal of this agenda item is for Committee members to provide updates on the following items and be updated on the actions of the Council.

Official agency updates on the DDS Taskforce and Workgroup, Self-Determination Program and CalABLE can be found by clicking the hyperlinks below.

- a. September Council Meeting Summary
- b. DDS Taskforce and Workgroup ([Updates](#) )
- c. Self-Determination Program ([Implementation Updates](#))

***Attachment(s)***

None.

***Handout(s)***

Could be additional handout(s) day of meeting.

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**AGENDA ITEM 10.  
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – LPPC**

***Member Updates***

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The goal of this agenda item is to allow Committee members time to provide local updates from their community on policy related issues not included in the agenda.

***Attachment(s)***

None.

***Handout(s)***

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