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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

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DATE: October 15, 2024

TIME: 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM

COMMITTEE CHAIR:

Harold Ashe

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

Item 2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Item 3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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This item is for members of the public to provide comments and/or present information to this body on matters not listed on the agenda. There will be up to 20 minutes allocated to hear from the public with each person allotted up to 3 minutes to comment.

Additionally, there will be up to 10 minutes allocated to hear from the public on each Council agenda item, with each person allotted up to 1 minute to comment.

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Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director

a. 2024 Bill Update

- Sponsor/Co-Sponsor: [SB 37 \(Housing\)](#)
- Support:
 - ✓ Civil Rights: [SB 1001](#); [ACR 179](#)
 - ✓ Education: [SB 483](#); [AB 1885](#); [AB 447](#); [AB 1876](#)
 - ✓ Employment: [AB 1147](#)
 - ✓ Housing: [SB 1443](#)
 - ✓ Human Services: [AB 2753](#); [AB 1876](#); [SB 1384](#); [SB 1281](#); [SB 1197](#); [AB 3291](#)
 - ✓ Health: [AB 1977](#); [AB 2510](#);
 - ✓ Federal Act: [House of Representatives H.R. 6405](#)

b. Budget Update

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Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director

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b. 2025 Policy Priorities 

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a. Council Meeting Summary

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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 2024 Minutes

Members will review and approve the March 2024 meeting minutes.

Action Recommended

Approve the March 14, 2024, minutes.

Attachment(s)

March 2024 Meeting Minutes

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DRAFT
Legislative and Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2024

Attending Members

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

Members Absent

Viviana Barnwell (FA)

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Beth Hurn
Brian Weisel
Brian Capra
Bridget Kolakosky
Chris Arroyo
Lynn Villoria
Michelle Cave
Riana Hardin

Others Attending

Rihana Ahmad
Robin Maitino-Erben
Veronica Bravo

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Harold Ashe called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brian Capra, Senior Staff Attorney with Public Counsel provided public comment informing committee members about SB 1197, which Public Counsel has co-sponsored alongside Children’s Law Center of California. This legislation aims to address a gap in respite services for children in the California foster care system that was caused by an inaccurate citation in SB 84. Mr. Capra requested that the Council consider supporting SB 1197, which will correct the unintended mistake

and will update the language of the law to account for changes in the legal framework pertaining to “resource families” and services for non-minor dependents. Mr. Capra informed members that Public Counsel will release a sample support letter for the bill.

5. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 2023 MEETING MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Ryan [SA]/Neward [FA]) and carried to adopt the January 16, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. (Motion passed unanimously. See page one for a record of members present)

6. OVERVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PROCESS FOR MARCH THROUGH JUNE

Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Bridget Kolakosky provided a brief overview of the legislative and budget process. This presentation covered the introduction of new legislation and upcoming budget and bill hearings. The full presentation can be found at the following link:

<https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/09/Leg-Calendar-Review-March-to-June-2024.pdf>

7. STATE LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET UPDATES

Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Bridget Kolakosky reminded committee members of the Council’s 2024 legislative priorities of home, health and work, which the committee approved at the January 2024 meeting.

Deputy Director Kolakosky informed members that the following 2023 bills will continue in 2024:

- SB 37 (Caballero) Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act.
- SB 483 (Cortese) Pupil rights: prone restraint.
- AB 1147 (Addis) Disability Equity and Accountability Act of 2023.

The following bills, which were previously supported by the Council, were presented for consideration and discussion:

- SB 1384 (Dodd) Power Wheelchair Repair
- AB 447 (Arambula) Public postsecondary education: students with disabilities: inclusive college programs

The following 2024 bills were introduced to the committee for consideration:

- ACR 150 (Nguyen) Resolution to recognize March as Developmental Disabilities Month
- SB 1001 (Skinner) Death penalty: intellectually disabled persons
- AB 1977 (Ta) Health Care coverage: behavioral diagnoses
- AB 2510 (Arambula) Dental care for people with developmental disabilities
- AB 1885 (Addis) Student Success Completion Grant program
- AB 1938 (Gallagher) Special education: inclusive practices and strategies
- AB 1914 (Grayson) Community colleges: providers of care for individuals with developmental disabilities: model curriculum
- AB 2821 (Grayson) Postsecondary education: students with disabilities
- AB 2753 (Ortega) Durable medical equipment and services
- AB 2423 (Mathis) Annual review of regional center transportation rates
- AB 1876 (Jackson) Developmental Services: individual program plans and individual family service plans: remote meetings
- AB 1281 (Menjivar) Advancing Equity and Access in the Self-Determination Program Act
- AB 2043 (Boerner) Medi-Cal: nonmedical and nonemergency medical transportation
- AB 2002 (Sanchez) Vehicles: public safety: Blue Envelop Program
- AB 2289 (Low) Vehicles: parking placards for disabled veterans and persons with disabilities
- SB 1285 (Laird) Drivers licenses: disability identifier

Deputy Director Kolakosky provided an update on H.R. 6405, which is in the Subcommittee on Health and addresses marriage equality for people with disabilities. This bill will increase the federal asset limit for Social Security Insurance from \$2,000 to \$10,000 and increase the limit for married couples to \$20,000.

Deputy Director Kolakosky informed members that SCDD has offered to provide resources and recommendations to the Health and Human Services Agency as they work to establish the Employment First Office and will also

work to make sure that the details and priorities of the Master Plan for Developmental Services include the Employment First Office.

It was moved/seconded (Neward [FA]/Ryan [SA]) and carried to recommend that the Council support SB 37, SB 483, SB 1384, SB 1443, SB 1001, AB 1977, AB 2510, AB 1885, AB 2753, and SB 1281. (Motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Harold Ashe was not present for the vote. See page one for a list of members present)

It was moved/seconded (Imparato/Witherspoon [SA]) and carried to recommend that the Council support AB 1876. (Motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Harold Ashe was not present for the vote and Councilmember Nicole Adler Abstained. See page one for a list of members present)

It was moved/seconded (Imparato/Neward [FA]) and carried to recommend that the council support H.R. 6405. (Motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Harold Ashe was not present for the vote and Councilmember Nicole Adler Abstained. See page one for a list of members present)

8. **UPDATES AND STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers referred committee members to the meeting packet for hyperlinks to official agency updates on the DDS Taskforce and Workgroup, Self-Determination Program and CalABLE and provided an overview of the upcoming Council meeting agenda, which will include a vote on the LPPC's legislative recommendations, an update on the budget, and review of Cycle 47 Grants proposed project descriptions. The Council will also hold an open discussion of the Master Plan for Developmental Disabilities.

Mr. Carruthers informed members that the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) will meet in April and announced that the committee has released a report of the concerns and recommendations put forth by community members at the December 2023 SSDAC FMS Townhall event. This report can be found at the following link:
<https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/03/Dec18.2023-FMS.TownhallFinal-2.22.24.pdf>

9. **MEMBER UPDATES**

Committee member Julie Neward reminded members that California Siblings will be showcasing the trailer for a film about her sister's story at the Council meeting and thanked the Council for approving this agenda item.

Committee member Andy Imparato announced that Disability Rights California released a report about the abuse and neglect that conserved people with I/DD are experiencing in carceral settings. Mr. Imparato also thanked SCDD executive Director Aaron Carruthers and others who attended the DRC Gala. The full report can be found at the following link: <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/press-release/disability-rights-california-releases-new-report-stuck-los-angeles-countys-abuse-and>

Committee member Wesley Witherspoon informed the committee that he will speak about accessible transportation in California when he visits Washington D.C.

10. **2024 MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The committee will meet on June 25th and October 15th. The meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM.

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**AGENDA ITEM 6.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – LPPC

State Legislative and Budget Updates

The goal of this agenda item is to review the status of the 2024 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
2024 Bill Chart

Handout(s)

May be handouts the day of the meeting.

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2024 Legislative and Budget Update Agenda Item #6

LPPC Meeting – October 2024
Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director

Housing #1

Bill: SB 37 (Caballero) Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act

What will the bill do? it would have created a rental assistance pilot program, to prevent homelessness for persons that are older or for persons with disabilities.

Position: Co Sponsors

STATUS: Vetoed by Governor. Two reasons for Veto: a) the pilot is not funded in this year's budget and b) it's better to leverage existing programs

Housing #2

Bill: SB 1443 (Jones) CA Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

What will the bill do? Would have added SCDD to the council on homelessness (ICH).

Position: Support

STATUS: **Vetoed by Governor-** DD representation is covered by HHS Secretary and an advisory committee member with DD

Civil Rights

Bill: SB 1001 (Skinner) Death penalty: intellectually disabled persons

What will the bill do? This bill will protect individuals with an intellectual disability from the death penalty. Not all adults with IDD were diagnosed as children. This bill is for people in prison who have been sentenced with the death penalty but that were not diagnosed with IDD as children. It allows a disabled person in prison to show, through evidence like a medical evaluation, testing, and testimony that they were intellectually disabled before the end of their developmental period.

Position: Support

STATUS: Approved by Governor- **SIGNED!**

Employment

Bill: AB 1147 (Addis/Garcia/Mathis) Disability Equity, Transparency, and Accountability Act of 2024

What will the bill do? It makes regional centers subject to requirements of the California Public Records Act, which means it will improve transparency. Also, it prohibits regional center employees from accepting gifts over \$15 per year from certain agencies and prohibits regional center senior staff from hiring relatives.

Position: Support

STATUS: Approved by Governor- **SIGNED!**

Health #1

Bill: AB 1977 (Ta) Health care coverage: behavioral diagnoses

What will the bill do? Would prohibit healthcare plans from requiring a person who is already diagnosed with a developmental disability or autism to be re-evaluated to keep healthcare coverage for their condition. These conditions are for life, they do not change or go away-- getting re-tested just creates a risk of losing important healthcare insurance. Also, re-evaluations are difficult and lengthy.

Position: Support

STATUS: **Vetoed by Governor-** it's not reasonable to prohibit utilization review.

Health #2

Bill: AB 2510 (Arambula) Dental care for people with developmental disabilities

What will the bill do? Would have created a training program for dental staff to provide dental care services to persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities and reduce the need for regional center consumers to receive dental treatment using sedation and general anesthesia. People with I/DD must wait a long time to receive dental care. This is because there are not a lot of trained dental staff to work with persons with I/DD. Right now, persons with I/DD are sedated or receive anesthesia (puts them to sleep) to receive dental care. This is not always necessary and delays dental care. Delayed dental care means bad health outcomes. This bill will improve dental health.

Position: Changed from Support to Watch

STATUS: Failed in Appropriations Committee

Health #3

Bill: AB 2753 (Ortega) durable medical equipment and services

What will the bill do? Would have required health plans to include coverage of durable medical equipment, services and repair. When health insurance plans do not pay for durable medical equipment (DME), people with disabilities are impacted the most because they use health equipment the most. Health equipment is too expensive without health insurance.

Position: Support

STATUS: Failed in Appropriations Committee

Education #1

Bill: SB 483 (Cortese) Pupil Rights: Prone Restraints

What will the bill do? This bill protects students with disabilities from being held face-down. This new law will prohibit the practice of prone-restraint on students with disabilities.

Position: Support

STATUS: Approved by Governor- **SIGNED!**

Education #2

Bill: AB 1885 (Addis) Student Success Completion Grant program

What will the bill do? reduces the minimum required units for students in Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSPS) to receive Cal Grant assistance to 9 units, from its current 12 units requirement. Students in DSPS who enroll in 9 units are considered full-time at 9 units but the Cal Grant definition of full-time is currently 12 units. Changing the unit requirement to 9, would make qualifying for Cal Grant assistance more equitable by giving students with disabilities the same opportunity that students without disabilities have to apply for and receive grants to attend college. These grants would be approximately \$1,2000 a year.

Position: Support

STATUS: Approved by Governor- **SIGNED!**

Human Services #2

Bill: SB 1281 (Menjivar) Advancing Equity and Access in the Self-Determination Program Act

What will the bill do? Would have required the Self Determination Program (SDP) process to be the same statewide by January 2026. The Self-determination Program is not the same from one regional center to another.

Position: Support

STATUS: **Vetoed by Governor-** can make these recommendations via Masterplan for DD platform

Human Services/Housing #3

Bill: AB 3291 (Assembly Human Services Committee, Chair Lee) Developmental Services Omni Bill

What will the bill? 1) Allows regional centers (RC) to offer rent, mortgage, or lease assistance when an independent living services consumer is at-risk of being homeless, and when the RC executive director can certify in writing that the consumer has demonstrated risk of homelessness. 2) Requires Regional Centers to discuss a caregiver succession plan with consumers to ensure when their caregiver is unable to provide care there is a plan in place.

Position: Support

Status: Approved by Governor- **SIGNED!**

Human Services #4

Bill: SB 1384 (Dodd) Power Wheelchair Repair

What will the bill do? This bill allows wheelchair users to fix their chairs themselves by requiring the makers of wheelchairs to provide information, tools, and replacement parts to owners or other providers.

Position: Support

STATUS: Approved by Governor- **SIGNED!**

Human Services #5

Bill: SB 1197 (Alvarado-Gil) In-home respite services: resource families

What will the bill do? bill updates/adds foster youth and their families to the list of persons that can receive in-home respite services. Current law is written to prohibit this group from qualifying for services.

Position: Support

STATUS: Approved by Governor- **SIGNED!**

Federal

Bill: H.R. 6405 Marriage Equality for Disabled Adults Act (Congressman Panetta)

What will the bill do? The Act will increase the federal asset limit for persons with disabilities from \$2,000 to \$10,000. For couples, the limit would be raised to \$20,000. So people do not have to choose between getting married or keeping benefits

Position: Support

STATUS: TBA

Budget Update 2024

Budget Approved 2024 for AB 447 (2023):

- **What?** In 2023, we sponsored AB 447 (Arambula) to create Inclusive College Programs for students with disabilities, but it passed with no money to fund the program.
- **SIGNED!** This year Governor Newsom approved \$2 Million Recurring funds for a **California Center for Inclusive College (Ca Center)** to help students with intellectual disabilities transition to college.
- **How will it work?** A County of Education will be selected to receive funds via a grant to administer the Ca Center. The Ca Center will provide best practice guidance to create and expand inclusive college programs. It will also assist programs in identifying other funding sources.

Budget Update 2024

Bill: AB 1876 (Jackson) Developmental services: individual program plans and individual family service plans: remote meetings

What will the bill do? Allows meetings to be remote (video, like Zoom) for individual program plans (IPP) and individualized family service plans (IFSP). It also improves accessibility to participate in meetings.

Position: Support

STATUS: Passed via Budget

Any Questions?

THANK YOU!



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2024 SCDD Legislation – Bill Support List

BILL # /TITLE	AUTHOR	WHAT DOES BILL DO?	CATEGORY	STATUS
SB 37 Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act	Senator Caballero	Creates a pilot program to provide cash assistance for aging/IDD that are homeless or at risk of homelessness.	Housing	Vetoed by Governor- Leverage existing programs. No budget allocated in 2024.
SB 483 Prone Restraints	Senator Cortese	Prohibits prone restraints from being used on students with disabilities	Education	Signed by Governor
AB 447 (2023) Public postsecondary education: students with disabilities: inclusive college programs	Assemblymember Arambula	creates and expands inclusive college opportunities	Education	2024 Budget Passed for AB 447- Governor approved \$2Million Recurring Funds for CA Center for Inclusive College
SB 1384 Power Wheelchair Repair	Senator Dodd	Increases accessibility and affordability for wheelchair users, making it easier for consumers to maintain their devices and keep them in good working condition, by requiring manufacturers to provide information, tools, and replacement parts to an owner or repair provider	Human Services	Signed by Governor
SB 1443 Interagency Council on Homelessness ICH	Senator Jones	Adds SCDD to ICH so that I/DD community is included in any conversations relating to housing and homelessness.	Housing	Vetoed- unnecessary to add SCDD- already represented

BILL # /TITLE	AUTHOR	WHAT DOES BILL DO?	CATEGORY	STATUS
AB 1147 Disability Equity and Accountability Act of 2023	Assemblymember Addis/Garcia	It makes regional centers subject to requirements of the California Public Records Act, which means it will improve transparency. Also, it prohibits regional center employees from accepting gifts over \$15 per year from certain agencies and prohibits regional center senior staff from hiring relatives	Employment	Signed by Governor
AB 1977 Health care coverage: behavioral diagnoses	Assemblymember Ta	does not allow a healthcare plan to require a person who is already diagnosed with developmental disorder or autism to be re-evaluated to maintain healthcare coverage for their condition. Why this is important: these conditions are for life, they do not change or go away, getting re-tested just creates a risk of losing this important healthcare insurance.	Health	Vetoed- should not completely prohibit evaluations
AB 2510 Health care coverage: behavioral diagnoses (SCDD moved this bill from Support to Watch)	Assemblymember Arambula	requires DDS to create a new program in the regional centers to improve dental care services to people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. These new programs also must reduce the need for regional center consumers to receive dental treatment using sedation and general anesthesia.	Health	Bill Failed in Assembly Appropriations Committee

BILL # /TITLE	AUTHOR	WHAT DOES BILL DO?	CATEGORY	STATUS
<u>AB 1885</u> Student Success Completion Grant program	Assemblymember Addis	reduces the minimum required units for students in Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSPS) to receive Cal Grant assistance to 9 units, from its current 12 units requirement. Students in DSPS who enroll in 9 units are considered full-time at 9 units but the Cal Grant definition of full-time is currently 12 units. Changing the unit requirement to 9, would make qualifying for Cal Grant assistance more equitable by giving students with disabilities the same opportunity that students without disabilities have to apply for and receive grants to attend college. These grants would be approximately \$1,2000 a year.	Education	Signed by Governor
<u>AB 2753</u> Rehabilitative and habilitative services: durable medical equipment and services	Assemblymember Ortega	requires health plans to include coverage of durable medical equipment, services, and repair.	Human Services	Bill failed in Assembly Appropriations Committee
<u>AB 1876</u> Developmental services: individual program plans and individual family	Assemblymember Jackson	indefinitely extends the requirements that, if requested, individual program plan (IPP) and individualized family service plan (IFSP) meetings be held remotely.	Education	Passed via Budget

service plans: remote meetings				
BILL #/ TITLE	AUTHOR	WHAT DOES BILL DO?	CATEGORY	STATUS
<u>SB 1281</u> Advancing Equity and Access in the Self-Determination Program Act	Senator Menjivar	requires a statewide standardized processes and procedures for the Self-Determination Program by January 2026, among other things.	Human Services, Employment, Education	Vetoed by Governor- recommendations can be made via the Master Plan for DD platform
<u>SB 1197</u> In-home respite services: resource families	Alvarado-Gil	bill adds foster youth and their families to the list of persons that cannot be prohibited from receiving in-home respite services.	Human Services	Signed by Governor
<u>SB 1001</u> Death Penalty: persons with I/DD	Senator Skinner	protect individuals with an intellectual disability from the death penalty. The bill takes legal cases and puts them in statute (also known as "codifies" by specifying that individuals with an intellectual disability cannot receive the death penalty.	Civil Rights	Signed by Governor
<u>AB 3291</u> Developmental Services Omni bill	Committee on Human Services (Assemblymember Lee)	1) Allows Regional Centers to offer rent, mortgage, or lease assistance when an independent living services consumer is at-risk of being homeless; 2) Requires Regional Centers to discuss a caregiver succession plan with consumers to ensure when their caregiver is unable to provide assistance there is a plan in place (also a CPCIDD recommendation re: Housing Report)	Housing/ Human Services	Signed by Governor

BILL #/TITLE	AUTHOR	WHAT DOES BILL DO?	CATEGORY	STATUS
<u>ACR 179</u> Disabled Individuals	Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer	Assembly Concurrent Resolution measure would proclaim April 28, 2024, as a day for all Californians to acknowledge the contributions of disabled individuals, to honor the changes achieved in the past to establish the rights of disabled individuals, and to recognize the work remaining in the future to secure equity for disabled individuals.	Civil Rights	Signed by Governor
<u>H.R. 6405</u> Marriage Equality for Disabled Adults Act	Congressman Panetta	The Act will increase the federal asset limit for persons with disabilities from \$2,000 to \$10,000. For couples, the limit would be raised to \$20,000. So people do not have to choose between getting married or keeping benefits.	Human Services	TBA

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AGENDA ITEM 7.
POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – LPPC

2025 Legislative Planning

Members will be given an overview of the submissions for the 4th Annual "There Should Be a Law" contest and start planning activities for 2025.

Members will review the Council's legislative priorities and discuss policy ideas for 2025.

To help with these discussions, the 2022-2026 State Plan and the 2023-2024 Policy Priorities documents are being shared as a guide.

Attachment(s)

2022-26 State Plan
2025-26 Policy Priorities
2025 Legislative Planning Presentation

Handout(s)

2023 "There Should Be A Law" Report
May be handouts the day of the meeting.

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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

1.1

The Council will provide information and resources through 300 regional/statewide self-advocacy chats, 40 regional/statewide projects/events and 200 trainings to strengthen 15,000 self-advocates in:

- 1) Achieving self-governance with supports, as requested;
- 2) Identifying and asking for the supports and services that they need;
- 3) Becoming and serving as peer trainers;
- 4) Developing skills and opportunities to engage as strong activists for issues that are important to them and their families; and,
- 5) Participating in culturally diverse, cross-disability coalitions.

1.2

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.

1.3

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.

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 85 practices, 70 policies, and 20 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 45,000 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 60,000 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 35,000 people (family/self-advocates/others) throughout the state – virtually, online and/or in person, and
- 3.** Providing technical assistance (TA)/advocacy clinics and/or resources, reaching 25,000 people.

3.2

The Council will engage in 150 projects and events in the areas of employment, education, housing, health/safety, and/or emerging issues, reaching 45,000 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.

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Policy Priorities 2025-26

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

2025 LEGISLATIVE PLANNING

Agenda Item #7

LPPC Meeting – October 2024
Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director

2024 There Should Be a Law Contest

- “There Should Be a Law” contest is an annual contest by SCDD.
- The contest encourages everyone to participate by proposing changes to the law to improve daily life for people with disabilities.
- We will share your bill ideas with legislators and will fight for the bill if a legislator wants to champion it.

There Should Be a Law Contest

Highlights #1

Past bill ideas from the previous years' contests were made into legislation:

- AB 1663: Conservatorships Reform (passed)
- AB 1092: Fair Hearing Reform (passed in the budget)
- More Mental Health Supports

2024 There Should Be a Law Contest Highlights #2

- Close to 100 bill ideas submitted from across the state
- Ideas were submitted by self-advocates, family members, professionals, and other members of the community
- This year bill idea trends include:
 - ✓ Health
 - ✓ Education
 - ✓ Human Services
 - ✓ Public Safety
 - ✓ Transportation

Announcing the Contest Winner for 2024 There Should Be a Law Contest

- To be announced.....

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- Because of current events, staff is recommending “Equity in Inclusion” or “Justice in Inclusion” as the Council’s 2025 theme. This theme is based on prioritizing inclusion in all aspects of life.
- “Equity in Inclusion” or “Justice in Inclusion” are well-timed approaches that will support many of the priorities you as committee members have raised. It also incorporates the community’s voices from the contest. It includes topics like education, employment, transportation and recreation.

Discussion

- Do you have policy suggestions that fall into one of these areas or theme?
- Do you have other ideas?

Staff Recommendation 2025 Legislative Priorities

Recommended Motion

- LPPC recommends that the Council focus on legislative priorities that fall under the theme of “Equity in Inclusion” or “Justice in Inclusion” for 2025.

Any Questions?

THANK YOU!



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**AGENDA ITEM 8.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – LPPC

Updates and Standing Agenda Items

The goal of this agenda item is to provide updates on the following items.

Official agency updates on the Master Plan for Developmental Services and the Self-Determination Program can be found by clicking the hyperlinks below.

- a. September Council Meeting Summary
- b. Master Plan for Developmental Services ([Updates](#))
- c. Self-Determination Program ([Implementation Updates](#))

Attachment(s)

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Handout(s)

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**AGENDA ITEM 9.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – LPPC

Member Updates

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.

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