



Public Notice

Public Comment Sought on North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities 5 Year State Plan Goals and Objectives for 2017-2021

The North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities is seeking public comments on its five-year state plan goals and objectives for 2017-2021. These include:

Goal 1

North Dakota Citizens with developmental disabilities and their families will have increased access to information, services, and support within their communities to improve their quality of life.

Objective 1

By the end of 5-years, the Council will increase access to meaningful community activities for 200 people with Developmental Disabilities and their families.

Objective 2

Each fiscal year, the Council will support at least five self-advocates to participate in advocacy partnerships and opportunities.

Objective 3

In years 2018, 2019, 2020, the Council will facilitate and assist 50 individuals and their families to navigate the systems of care to access information and resources, including promoting information about how employment opportunities and benefits align, to improve their quality of life.

Goal 2

North Dakota citizens with developmental disabilities will have increased employment rates to increase self-sufficiency and independence.

Objective 1

By September 31, 2021, the Council will educate at least one community transportation system in each region of the State annually about the need of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Objective 2

By September 31, 2021, the Council will develop and implement a statewide disability awareness campaign that highlights the benefits of hiring people with disabilities.

Objective 3

By September 31, 2021, the Council will promote employment supports of individual's age 18-21 who have developmental disabilities and who want to leave school to transition to meaningful employment while retraining VR services. This will be accomplished through systems change of VR services in the state.

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Goal 3

North Dakota citizens with developmental disabilities and their families will have increased access to health care services that meet their needs and preferences, leading to improved health.

Objective 1

By the end of each fiscal year, the Council will support at least one activity that improves access to information regarding navigation of the medical system including financial management, self-advocacy, and/or improved medical care, to promote healthy citizens.

Objective 2

By the end of each fiscal year, the Council will promote wellness for people with developmental disabilities and their families by supporting at least one activity that promotes preventative health measures such as health promotion, nutrition, physical activity, and/or medical home.

Objective 3

By September 31, 2021, the Council will improve medical transitions for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families by supporting at least one activity which will increase knowledge about patient self-advocacy, patient responsibilities, and guardianship for healthcare.

Goal 4

The North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities will increase the number of qualified personnel at all levels to support individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

Objective 1

By September 31, 2021, the Council will promote/support statewide initiatives, rules, and/or regulations that improve recruitment and retention in various disability professionals by decreasing staff turnover by at least 10%.

Objective 2

Each fiscal year, the Council will fund 25 college scholarships for students who will work in the developmental disabilities field in areas such as; education, behavior health, etc.

The council's five-year state plan goals and objectives for 2017-2021 are available online at www.ndcpd.org/SCDD/index.shtml and can also be obtained by calling 701- 328-4605, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or e-mailing nsawicki@nd.gov.

Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. (Central Time) on May 31, 2016.

Mail written comments to NaTasha Sawicki, North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities (NDSCDD), 919 S. Seventh St., Suite 503, Bismarck, ND, 58504. Comments may also be e-mailed to nsawicki@nd.gov.

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