Mission
The council advocates for policy changes that promote choice, independence, productivity, and inclusion for all North Dakotans with developmental disabilities (DD). The council supports and provides funding for projects and activities that maximize opportunities for consumers and families. The NDSCDD serves in a planning and advisory capacity to state policymakers and agencies relative to services for persons with developmental disabilities.

Funding
The Council administers the federal DD Basic State Grant Program and provides funding to:

- Private agencies
- Non-profits
- Licensed DD providers
- State and Local agencies
- Individuals
- Others

Areas of Emphasis
Specific to people who have Developmental Disabilities.

- Employment opportunities
- Integration and inclusion
- Empower and Promote

Council
The council is made up of 20 members appointed by the Governor. Sixty percent of the members are persons with developmental disabilities, or are a parent, guardian, or immediate relative of a person with DD. The other forty percent is comprised of state agency representatives along with members from North Dakota's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Protection and Advocacy project, and community DD service providers.