

MT Council on Developmental Disabilities
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PURPOSE OF MONTANA COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The purpose of the Montana Council on Developmental Disabilities is:

1. Engage in advocacy, capacity building and systematic change activities that are consistent with the purpose of Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, Public Law 106-402, codified at 42 U.S.C. 15001, et seq., also known as “The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000”, hereinafter referred to as the “DD Act”.
2. Contribute to a coordinated, consumer and family-centered/directed, comprehensive system of community services, individualized supports and other forms of assistance that enable individuals with developmental disabilities to exercise self-determination, be independent, be productive and be integrated in all facets of community life.
3. Educate and advocate for innovative change in programs and policies affecting persons with developmental disabilities.
4. Review, monitor and provide input on programs and policies pertaining to persons with developmental disabilities.
5. Promote public awareness and public understanding regarding issues pertaining to developmental disabilities.
6. Monitor and disseminate council funds.
7. Submit state and federal reports as required by law.
8. Respond to other matters that the Council feels lie within the intent of the directives and guidelines of the federal law.
9. Create a five-year state plan of action, based upon public input, which guides the Council in its allocation of resources.