

THE HAWAI'I STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Who We Are

The Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD Council) works to make sure people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) have the **support** they need to live the lives they choose. We help create opportunities so everyone can thrive in school, work, and the community.

Why it Matters

- More than 22,000 people in Hawai'i have developmental disabilities.
- Everyone should have the chance to live, work, and be part of their community in the way that works best for them.
- By supporting people with I/DD, we make Hawai'i a stronger and more inclusive place for everyone.

Our Mission

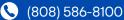
Our mission is to promote community inclusion, independence, and quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities. We collaborate with various partners, including state agencies, nonprofits, and local organizations, to fill service gaps, foster innovative solutions, and ensure that people with I/DD have the resources and support they need.

How You Can Get Involved

- Join Us: Share your ideas and concerns at our public meetings.
- Partner with Us: Work with us to create better opportunities for people with DD.
- Learn More: Visit our website or contact us for resources.











What We Do

1. Advocating for People with DD

- We speak up for the rights of people with DD to make their own decisions and live independently.
- We work with leaders to improve laws and programs so people with DD have the same opportunities as everyone else.

2. Improving Systems

- We partner with organizations to remove barriers that make life harder for people with DD.
- We promote Supported Decision-Making (SDM) as a way for people to make their own choices with support from people they trust.

3. Sharing Information

- We provide resources and training to help people with DD and their families understand their options and make informed choices.
- We support people with DD to become leaders and advocate for themselves.

4. Bringing People Together

- We connect individuals, families, organizations, and government agencies to work on solutions together.
- We make sure services are easy to access and meet the needs of people with DD.

What Governs Us

The Council follows the requirements outlined in Hawaii State law (HRS 333F), the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY DEFINITION (Public Law 106-402)

- (A) IN GENERAL. —the term "developmental disability" means a severe, chronic disability of an individual that—
- (i) is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
- (ii) is manifested before the individual attains age 22:
- (iii) is likely to continue indefinitely;
- (iv) results in substantial functional limitations in 3 or more of the following areas of major life activity:
 - (I) Self-care.
 - (II) Receptive and expressive language.
 - (III) Learning.
 - (IV) Mobility.
 - (V) Self-direction.
 - (VI) Capacity for independent living.
 - (VII) Economic self-sufficiency; and
- (v) reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

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