



# 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, non-profits, 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.

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## 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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