



Goals and Objectives

Goals describe what the Council wants to see happen.

Objectives are the steps that will help us reach our goals.



Goal 1: Advocacy

Delawareans with developmental disabilities will have the knowledge, skills, and support they need to lead self-directed lives. This means they control their own lives and live the lives they want.

To make this happen, the Council will:

- ✓ Give an organization money to develop and support a strong self-advocacy group in Delaware.
- ✓ Pay for education and training that helps people with disabilities, their family members, and other people get information and skills.
- ✓ Pay to train professionals about how to communicate with people who do not speak.



Goal 2: Education and Early Intervention

Education rules and programs in Delaware will better serve students with developmental disabilities. More children with developmental disabilities will get a better education.

To make this happen, the Council will:

- ✓ Train and support parents and other people to be good advocates.
- ✓ Give information to people with disabilities and their families about important issues and resources. And support them to share information with other people in Delaware.
- ✓ Help the community understand what people with developmental disabilities and mental illness need.



Goal 3: Housing

Delawareans with developmental disabilities will have better access to training and resources about affordable, accessible, integrated housing in the community.

- “Housing” means houses, condos, and apartments that people rent or buy.
- “Affordable” means people have enough money to pay for the housing. It does not cost too much.

- “Accessible” means everyone can get into and use the housing, including people who use wheelchairs or canes.
- “Integrated” means people with disabilities are not separated from the community.
- “Resources” are things like websites, guides, and people that have helpful information.

To make this happen, the Council will:

- ✓ Work with other organizations to develop an online housing resource library for people with disabilities and advocates. An “online housing resource library” is a place on the internet you can go for a lot of useful information about housing.
- ✓ Advocate for people with disabilities from diverse backgrounds to be included on all Delaware housing committees.

Diverse backgrounds are things like different disabilities, races, and languages.



Goal 4: Health and Healthcare

More Delawareans with disabilities will get the healthcare and other services they need and want in the community.

To make this happen, the Council will:

- ✓ Work to improve transition services for people with developmental disabilities. Transition services help people find the services they need when they make a change like moving from school to adult services, moving out of their family's home, or leaving a facility.

Better services will help people get the supports they need at home and in the community instead of places that separate them from everyone else.

- ✓ Give people with developmental disabilities and their families training and information so they can advocate for their health needs.

We will work with African Americans and people who usually speak a language other than English.