



What is the Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council?



We are an organization in Delaware.



We work to make life better for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

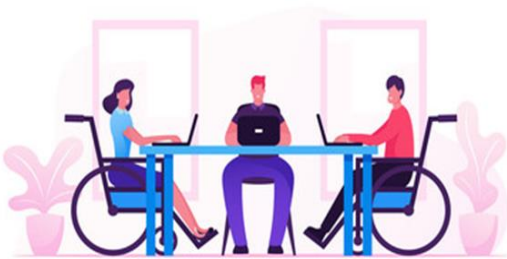


Intellectual disability, autism, and cerebral palsy are examples of developmental disabilities.



We want all people with developmental disabilities to be included, valued, and supported. This means:

- People with and without disabilities live, learn, work, and have fun together.
- Everyone has the same opportunities in life.
- People have power and control over their own lives.



People with developmental disabilities and their family members are leaders in our organization.



Other Council members include people who work for:

- Community agencies
- State agencies
- The Center for Disabilities Studies at the University of Delaware
- The Disabilities Law Program at the Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.

What does the DD Council do?



We Partner

We bring together people with developmental disabilities, their family members, organizations, and others.

We work together to bring about change that people with developmental disabilities and their families want.



We Advise

We give information and ideas to leaders in government and the legislature. We work with them to make sure laws, policies, programs, and services help people with developmental disabilities in Delaware.

- Laws and policies are rules we must follow.
- For example, they tell us what services people can get to help them at home, in school, and in the community.



We Advocate

We advocate for people with developmental disabilities to have the same opportunities in life that other community members have.

We advocate for people to be included and supported the way they want to be.



We Inform

We give people information and resources so they can:

- Understand their rights
- Be more independent, and
- Find the services and supports they need.



We Train

We fund advocacy and leadership training.

- People with developmental disabilities and their family members learn how to advocate for themselves and others.
- This means they speak up for what they want.
- They get people and organizations to do things that are good for people with disabilities.

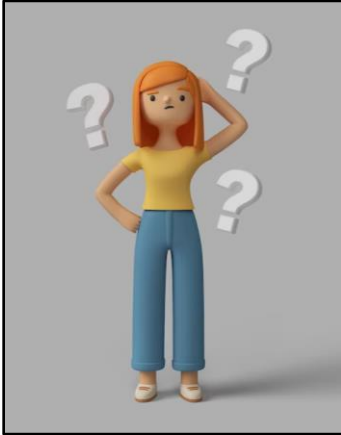


We Educate

We help the community understand:

- What gets in the way of people with developmental disabilities living the lives they want.
- What supports and services people with developmental disabilities need at home and in the community.

Do you want more information?



Go to our website at ddc.delaware.gov

or

Call us at 302-739-3333