PENNSYLVANIA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

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2017-2021 FIVE YEAR STATE PLAN ANNOUNCEMENT

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Every five years, the Council adopts a State Plan setting forth the activities in which it will engage over the next five-year period. Under the State Plan, the Council makes funds available in a variety of areas for efforts to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities in Pennsylvania. Grants are awarded through Requests for Proposals (RFPs) in a competitive bidding process. Each objective for which proposals will be requested is listed below. The first of the RFP Books will be issued in fall 2016. The RFP Book, Issue 1 can be requested by returning the form on the last page of this announcement.

The PA Developmental Disabilities Council would like your feedback on the draft 2017-2021 5-Year State Plan. While we are happy to answer questions regarding the planning process and how the 5-Year State Plan was drafted, we are unable to answer questions that would provide specifics about any given objective, as this could create an unfair advantage during the competitive bidding process of submitting proposals for funding. If you have questions regarding the process of drafting the 5-Year State Plan, please contact the Council directly from our website at: <http://www.paddc.org/contact/>

To provide comments on the Council’s draft five-year State Plan, please use the following link to take a brief survey online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B9DM3WK>

**GOAL 1: EMPOWERMENT**

*Self Advocacy Support-* Supporting a self-advocacy group led by self-advocates, providing learning opportunities for emerging self-advocates and encouraging self-advocates to participate in cross disability cross cultural coalitions.

*Educating Young Parents*- Develop a systemic approach to educating younger parents, including parents with disabilities, about values on which our system (and the DD Council) has been built.

*Peer Support*- Identify and disseminate best practice across formal and informal systems in peer support and mutual learning.

*Small Grants Program* - Continue with existing, recently revised small grant program. Support small grants demonstrating new approaches or testing established findings from established work

*Workshop Alternatives Advocacy*- Advocate, mentor and educate for increased participation in competitive employment and other community inclusive alternatives to congregate and other non-natural settings.

*Mobile Resources*- Develop mobile resources to provide local information and referral services for formal and generic systems. Coordinate with existing points of entry into formal and informal systems in rural communities across Pennsylvania.

**GOAL 2: SYSTEMS CHANGE**

*Housing-* Systems level advocacy and demonstrations on how to separate housing from supports. Build on Person Driven Services & Supports (PDSS), Money Follows the Person (MFP) and the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act.

*Employment-* Project built on findings from current plan around employer focused employment, developing employer commitment to diverse workplaces.

*HCBS*- Monitor, advocate and provide meaningful information to the disability commmunity about implementation of the CMS Home and Community Based Services Rule.

*Cross Systems Supports Broker* - Develop and demonstrate ability to provide information and navigation to individuals and families using multiple systems. Cross generational, cross systems and cross cultural. Provide report on findings including information on silo formation and preservation.

*School to Prison Pipeline* – This Objective includes multiple projects focusing on 1) diversion from punitive discipline for kids with disabilities and members of other non-dominant cultures, 2) restorative justice and zero tolerance policies and impact of school resource officers in schools, and 3) Leadership Development for young people leaving school to prison pipeline/integrative re-entry opportunities.

*Person Driven Support Services*- Continue the implementation of our work in Person Driven Support Services, Money Follows the Person (MFP), and support brokerage, especially in a managed care context.

*Managed Care -* Monitor, evaluate and educate around developments in Managed Long Term Services & Supports (MLTSS) for people with disabilities.

*Policy Information Exchange (PIE)*- Enhancing communication between the Council and policymakers and the disability community.

**GOAL 3: GENERIC CHANGE**

*Community Alliance Summit* - Continue to convene Community Alliance Summit on regular basis and support its activities.

*Generic Technology Advocacy*- Two-year investigation of use of generic and publicly available technology to support people with disabilities and present this market to technology companies.

*Generic Social Change* - Continue public educational work around Generic Social Change including video and community resources.

*Community Engagement* *-* Identify and support the development of opportunities for people to mutually engage with their communities.

*Transportation-* Demonstrate rural cadres/networks of volunteer disability transportation “taxis” supported by social media infrastructure.

*Fitness & Health*- Advocate and educate for gyms and community/family recreation centers to be integrated, inclusive, disability accessible.

*Communications/Publications*- Tell story of Council and Council values in print and social media, maintain accessible website and assist with the development of Council’s public image.

**GOAL 4: CROSS DISABILITIES**

*Transitions-* Using results for current work in Transition Discoveries, garner support for the use of the transition metric developed in the last plan.

*Cross Disability Events*- Targeted cross disability events with disability specific groups, provider groups, etc., building on work of cross disability conversations/awareness in previous plan.

*Returning Veterans -* Help returning veterans and their communities and families, develop competencies in assimilating and supporting returning veterans with developmental age disabilities.

*Community Advocacy Coalition-* Small grant to support the reconstituting of the reformed Community Advocacy Coalition (CAC),

*Meetings Coordination*- Organize and support meetings of the DD Council and subcommittees and associated events.

**GOAL 5: STIGMA**

*Stigma Education in Early Childhood* - Building on the model of the stigma work established in the last plan, move efforts into education realm including early childhood.

*School Culture* - Create program to develop a diversity respectful culture in schools modeled on Values Based Education approaches, adapted for applicability in diverse settings, cultures and values contexts. Test in multiple cultures and ages.

TO RECEIVE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS RETURN THIS FORM!

Please put my name on the bidder’s list for the Council’s Request for Proposals to be issued fall of 2016. To insure that you are on our mailing list, please return this form no later than August 19, 2016. Please feel free to make copies of this form.

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