

# Administration on Developmental Disabilities State Councils Fiscal Year 2007 Performance Highlights

The Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) funds 55 State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (Councils)- one in each U.S. State and Territory- to expand and advance the equality of civil and human rights for people with developmental disabilities. Councils work to remove barriers to inclusion in all areas of life, so that people with developmental disabilities have access to the same education, employment, housing and opportunities as the general populace. The following list is a partial summary of the ways in which Councils furthered their mission in Fiscal Year 2007.

**Employment:** Expanding the availability of job training, inclusive work environments, and job placement for people with developmental disabilities.

- 38 Councils reporting on this priority made employment more available or obtainable for 4,093 people with developmental disabilities.

**Education:** Maximizing student potential to obtain the most complete education, in the most inclusive environment possible.

- 32 Councils increased the knowledge, capabilities, and self-advocacy skills of 15,302 students with developmental disabilities and their families, ensuring that the schools they attend are providing inclusive, appropriate, and local educational opportunities.

**Health:** Expanding the access to and availability of health, dental, psychiatric, and other human and social services.

- 31 Councils increased health care availability for 22,484 individuals by educating health professionals on the needs of people with developmental disabilities, teaching self advocacy, and encouraging facility accessibility conversions.

**Housing:** Promoting the rights of persons with developmental disabilities to make decisions about where and with whom they want to live.

- 21 Councils made housing more accessible for 1,246 people with developmental disabilities by participating in deinstitutionalization efforts and ensuring that those with independence can continue to maintain it.

**Recreation:** Working to increase the capacity for inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in community activities, public events, and social gatherings.

- 19 Councils facilitated participation or inclusion allowing 6,614 individuals with developmental disabilities to participate in events or social gatherings they chose.

**Transportation:** Increasing availability of accessible transportation for people with disabilities.

- 23 Councils created programs aimed at better transportation options that helped 16,100 people with developmental disabilities get to work, school, church, health appointments, and other important needs, furthering their independence.

**Quality Assurance:** Ensuring the right of people with developmental disabilities to make choices for their lives through training in leadership and self-advocacy.

- 47 Councils advanced quality assurance for 75,703 people with developmental disabilities, increasing their safety and maintaining their personal authority through training in self advocacy, information dissemination and public awareness.

**Formal/Informal Community Supports:**

Enhancing the community's ability to include people with developmental disabilities in society.

- 39 Councils' efforts led to 49,274 people with developmental disabilities and their families taking advantage of services available in the community.

**Child Care:** Expanding the availability of affordable, appropriate child care with accessible facilities for children with disabilities.

- 10 Councils worked to increase availability of quality child care for 699 children with developmental disabilities and for families who needed accessible child care.

*\*Please note: These outcome measures form a representative sample of 77 outcome measures listed in the Councils' Program Performance Reports. Councils determine the issue area and outcome measures that will best serve the needs of their consumer population.*



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