

SOUTH CAROLINA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

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MISSION: *The mission of the South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council is to provide leadership in planning, funding, and implementing initiatives that lead to improved quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and their families through advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change.*

SOUTH CAROLINA PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2019:

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS, EMPLOYMENT, SELF-ADVOCACY

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities have access to their own choice of formal and informal community-based services, supports, resources, and activities throughout their lifetime.

Objective 1: Support at least two programs that provide people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families' information about their rights, services, and supports.

- **Brain Injury Association – SC Visibility Project**
- **Center for Disability Resources – Assistive Technology Expo**
- **Family Connection – Hopes and Dreams**

Objective 2: Support at least two programs that provide people with intellectual and developmental disabilities opportunities to improve community integration, inclusion, and productivity.

- **Project HOPE Foundation – Increasing the Efficacy of Person-Centered Discovery for Language-Challenged Individuals with ASD**
- **York Adult Enrichment Center – Prevocational Readiness Project**

Objective 3: Support at least one program that addresses an emerging health issue for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities using evidence-based practices and interventions.

- **Community Options - Healthy Living Made Simple**
- **SOS Health Care, Inc. – Holistic Health**
- **Francis Marion University – Enhanced Nursing Education for Patients Living with Developmental Disabilities**

Objective 4: Support at least one program that includes an organization serving South Carolina's Latino/Hispanic community and improves access to community-based services, supports, resources, and activities.

- **Family Connection of South Carolina – Latinos Making Connections**
 - ❖ **1079** Received advocacy training
 - ❖ **0** Board Positions
 - ❖ **15** Evidence Based Practices
 - ❖ **12** Policy Changes

EMPLOYMENT

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities have access to competitive, community-based career opportunities throughout their lifetime.

Objective 1: Support programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that improve access to integrated workforce development systems.

- **Able, South Carolina – Advancing Capacity and Collaborations for Employment Support Services (ACCESS)**
- **SOS Health Care, Inc. – Making Change II**

Objective 2: Support programs that empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to develop and direct their own career strategy using appropriate evidence-based and best practice methods.

- **Center for Disability Resources – Model for Employment Training Advancement**
 - ❖ **137 Received advocacy training**
 - ❖ **3 Board Positions**
 - ❖ **37 Evidence Based Practices**
 - ❖ **10 Policy Changes**

QUALITY ASSURANCE/SELF-ADVOCACY

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families are empowered to effect statewide leadership training opportunities that contribute to active participation in cross disability leadership coalitions and systems change efforts.

Objective 1: Support at least one statewide self-advocacy organization led by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to provide opportunities for increasing leadership abilities and to meet self-defined organizational goals.

- **Centers for Disability Resources – Impact SC**
- **EQUIP – Self-Advocacy & Leadership in Young Adults**

Objective 2: Support opportunities that strengthen leadership abilities in peer-to-peer networks of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

- **Able South Carolina – YLF (Youth Leadership Forum)**
- **Arc of the Midlands – Let’s Talk**
- **Partners in Policymaking**

Objective 3: Support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their family members to engage cross-disability, culturally diverse leadership boards, committees, commissions, councils, and similar coalitions.

- **Able South Carolina/University of South Carolina Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics – Community Leadership Academy**

Objective 4: The Developmental Disabilities Council will collaborate with South Carolina’s Center for Disability Resources (UCEDD) and Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities in South Carolina (P&A System) on at least one program that engages system beneficiaries to assess system barriers and influence positive changes in service delivery, policies, interventions, and strategies.

- ❖ **1251 Received advocacy training**
- ❖ **0 Board Positions**
- ❖ **17 Evidence Based Practices**
- ❖ **4 Policy Changes**

SOUTH CAROLINA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

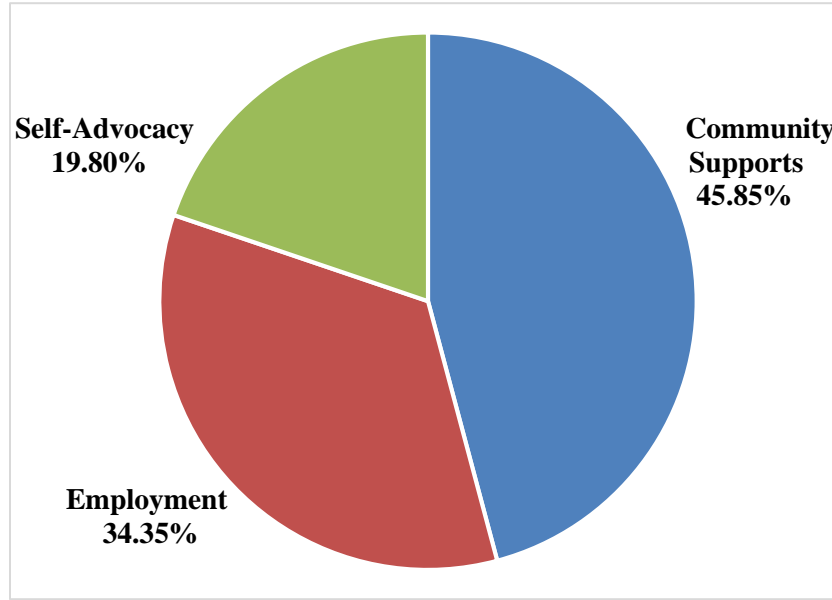
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Greetings! It has been my pleasure to serve as the Chairperson for the Developmental Disabilities Council. I especially want to thank Frank Bentley, past Chairperson for his continued support and heart-felt efforts in leading the Council for the past four years. Thank you to an amazing staff for your supportive efforts which make this task easy. To all of our collaboration partners, agencies, and organizations, we could not do this without your assistance. To our grantees, your tireless work and accomplishments continues to create and build on positive infrastructures already established.

With the efforts of the all involved, we see developmental disabilities become more of a focal point in the discussions within the arenas of health care, transportation, employment, community involvement, and overall inclusion in the decision-making process. As we continue our efforts, I am excited about the possibilities and encouraged by the people who work so hard to make South Carolina better and stronger for everyone! As we continue to work towards our mission, I am encouraged that we will be able to support innovative ideas and ventures which lead to even greater success. A very special thank you to everyone for all you do!



2018-2019 Developmental Disabilities Council Allocation of Resources

*Executive Director,
Valarie Bishop*

Message from the Executive Director

2019 was another productive year of working with our grantees, collaboration partners and stakeholders. We continued our efforts to enhance systems and make change for individuals with developmental disabilities and families in South Carolina. Advocacy remains at the core of what we do. Through our self-advocacy programs including Partners in Policymaking, we help individuals and family members build their understanding of the systems in our state and how they can become advocates of change. A huge thank you to all of those who have helped.

As we continue with forward progress, we are excited about the endless possibilities because of the improvements we see in our self-advocates and the growing understanding within our communities. We continue to see our efforts strengthened and the focus of healthier lives for all come to fruition. We will continue to build on the strong foundation established and encourage new ideas to further our progress.

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