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ALAMEDA COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Alameda County D. D. Council was designated by the Board of Supervisors in 1970 as the official planning body for developmental disabilities for Alameda County. It is composed of 300+ volunteers interested in the field of developmental disabilities. Members are parents and relatives of persons with developmental disabilities, self-advocates, professionals who work on behalf of persons with developmental disabilities and the general public.

The D.D. Council is interested in the broad spectrum of services to persons with developmental disabilities: Education, Health, Prevention, Mental Health, Housing, Habilitation, Rehabilitation, Recreation, Transportation and Social Services. A full time Coordinator serves as staff to the D.D. Council and is employed by the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency.

WHAT ARE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE D.D. COUNCIL?

The D.D. Council provides a forum for discussion, advocacy and planning for services for persons with developmental disabilities. Its efforts are coordinated with agencies working on behalf of persons with developmental disabilities such as the Area Board 5, Regional Center of the East Bay, Special Education, etc.

MEMBERSHIP

General Membership on the D.D. Council is open to all interested persons upon request. All are encouraged to participate in the work of the D.D. Council.

The Board of Directors consists of thirty individuals who reside or provide services in Alameda County; elected from the general membership at the Annual Meeting, the Board is composed of self-advocates, parents, relatives, members of the public and professionals in the field of developmental disabilities. Officers of the Board of Directors are elected at the annual meeting: President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

Committees are chaired by the members of the Board of Directors, but anyone can join a committee.

WHEN ARE THE MEETINGS?

Daytime meetings of the Board of Directors are held on the second Wednesday of the month from 9:30-12:00. Programs include guest speakers, issues of concern and timely topics. All meetings are open to the general membership and other interested persons. Call to confirm location. You may also call to be put on the mailing list for Monthly Minutes or Newsletter.

For more information contact the Developmental Disabilities Coordinator (510) 267-3261.

Definition of a **D**evelopmental **D**isability

Federal Definition:

A developmental disability is a severe, chronic disability of a person which:

1. is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of physical and mental impairments
2. is manifested before the age of twenty-two
3. is likely to continue indefinitely
4. results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following major life activities:
 - A. self care,
 - B. receptive and expressive language,
 - C. learning,
 - D. mobility,
 - E. self-direction,
 - F. capacity for independent living, and
5. reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services that are of lifelong extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

State Definition:

The term developmental disability refers to a severe and chronic disability that is attributable to a mental or physical impairment that begins before an individual reaches adulthood. These disabilities include mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism and disabling conditions closely related to mental retardation or requiring similar treatment.