



Arkansas Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council

DD Council Member Applications

The Arkansas Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) is accepting member applications in the following categories:

- a) an individual with a developmental disability;
- b) parent or guardian of a child with developmental disabilities
- c) immediate relative or guardian of an adult with a mentally impairing developmental disability who cannot advocate for himself/herself; or
- d) an immediate relative or guardian of an institutionalized or previously institutionalized individual with a developmental disability or an individual with a developmental disability who resides or previously resides in an institution.

FEDERAL DEFINITION

Developmental Disability –

(A) IN GENERAL – The term “developmental disability” means a severe, chronic disability of an individual that –

- i) Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments.
- ii) Is manifested before the individual attains age 22
- Hi) Is likely to continue indefinitely;
- iv) Results in substantial functional limitations in 3 or more of the following areas of major life activity:
 - (I) Self-care.
 - (II) Receptive and expressive language
 - (III) Learning.
 - (IV) Mobility.
 - (V) Self-direction.
 - (VI) Capacity for independent living.
 - (VII) Economic and self-sufficiency; and
- (v) reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports or other forms of assistance that are lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

(B) INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN – An individual from birth to age 9, inclusive, who has a substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition, may be considered to have a developmental disability without meeting 3 or more of the criteria described in clauses (i) through (v) of subparagraph (A) if the individual, without services and supports, has a high probability of meeting those criteria later in life.

All candidates for DD Council membership should have experience serving on Committees, Boards or Agencies/organizations concerned with persons with developmental disabilities, should have first hand knowledge of the developmental disabilities field, and should have time to attend the Developmental Disabilities Council's quarterly meetings, including time to serve on committees.

Serving as a member of the Council provides the opportunity to get involved and work alongside state policy-makers, local providers and consumers to plan and conduct activities which will increase and support the independence, productivity and community integration of people with developmental disabilities. Applications must be submitted to the Governor's Office and can be accessed electronically at https://www.ark.org/gov_bcaq/app/instructions.html.

All applications will be kept on file to fill future vacancies. For further information and/or application packets, contact the DDC office, 5800 West 10th Street, Suite 805, Little Rock, AR 72204; telephone numbers (501) 661-2589 (Voice, TTY); 800-482-5400, ext 2589 (toll free) or email mary.edwards@arkansas.gov