

DD COUNCIL RECRUITING NOMINEES

The Arkansas Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC), announces the Council is recruiting nominees for membership 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*
- iii) 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 meeting 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. Application packets are available from the DDC office and must be completed and returned to the Council.

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 wstewart@healthyarkansas.com.



COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE CATEGORIES

Please consider me for a position as a (please check appropriate category below):

1. Person with a developmental disability.

I meet this requirement because (please describe your developmental disability and when it was diagnosed).

2. Parent or guardian of a child with a developmental disability.

I meet this requirement because my child has a developmental disability. (Please state your relation to the person with a developmental disability and describe his or her disability and when it was diagnosed).

3. Immediate relative or guardian of an adult with a mentally impairing developmental disability who cannot advocate for himself/herself.

I meet this requirement because my relative has a mentally impairing disability. (Please state your relationship to the person with a mentally impairing developmental disability and describe his or her disability and when it was diagnosed).

4. An immediate relative or guardian of an institutionalized or previously institutionalized individual with a developmental disability or an individual with a developmental disability or an individual with a developmental disability who resides or previously resided in an institution. (Please complete section a and b).

a. I meet this requirement because I am the immediate relative or guardian of an institutionalized individual with a developmental disability. Please explain: a) your relationship to the individual, b) his or her disability and when it began, c) whether the individual lives in an institution or previously lived in an institution, and d) the name of the institution.

b. I meet this requirement because I am an individual with a developmental disability who resides in or previously resided in an institution. Please explain: a) your disability and when it was first diagnosed; b) whether you live in an institution now or lived in one in the past; c) the name(s) of the institution, and d) if you no longer live in an institution, how long ago you moved.

5. Representative from a private nonprofit organization concerned with services for persons with developmental disabilities.

Name of organization _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

a. How is the organization concerned with services for persons with developmental disabilities?

b. What is your role or relationship to the organization? _____

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit two (2) letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation will be sent by the following two individuals.

1) _____ 2) _____

RESUME

Please send letter, resume or vita in addition to this application form.

Return application and other requested material by _____ to the following address:

Membership and Personnel Committee
Arkansas Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council
5800 West 10th Street, Suite 805, Little Rock, AR 72204

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

NOMINEE STATEMENT:

I want to be considered for appointment to the Arkansas Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council because:
