

Governor's Office of Disability Affairs
Quarterly Report to the DD Council
(Written)

Update/progress on agency initiatives

- Hurricane Issac Response. GODA has been involved with DSNAP locations across the affected areas of the storm. In order to ensure that the needs of persons with disabilities are met a GODA staff member was positioned at four of the six DSNAP locations for the first week. GODA was also involved with the opening of several sites. Staff spent time at the opening of each East Baton Rouge Parish site to ensure that persons with disabilities had equal access to the program.
- GODA is in the process of taking over contract oversight for GOEA Louisiana Guardianship clients. The contract amendment will add roughly seven to twelve new clients.
- We are waiting on appointments to the Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs. GACDA will reach out to potential new members and ask for participation on the council until their official appointment is made.
- The SILC has partnered with Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living to receive programmatic input for the council.
- Currently the council is utilizing MetaSoft grant software to address funding gaps for Independent living Centers.
- GODA is collaborating with the Governor's office to declare October Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Status of agency's activities/participation on DDC plan initiatives and impact

- Inclusive Art Show- Due to an expenditure freeze GODA was unable to hold an official award ceremony this year. We were able to mail awards to the winners with letters of congratulations from the Governor.
- GOLD Awards – We are in the process of gathering nominations for the 2012 awards.

Status of Council recommendations to agency

- N/A