

<p>QUALITY ASSURANCE</p>	
<p>GOAL 1 1,000 self-advocates and family members of persons with developmental disabilities will advocate for policies and practices that promote the self-determination, independence, productivity, integration and inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life.</p>	
<p>Objective 1.1 Louisiana’s self-advocacy organization consisting of people with developmental disabilities will promote advocacy by guiding local chapters and provide leadership training to individuals with developmental disabilities.</p>	
<p>People First of Louisiana (PFL) has 227 members in nine chapters supported in self-advocacy and leadership. Seventeen PFL Board of Directors received two trainings covering “Advocacy Action Strategies/ABLE (Achieve a Better Life Experience Act) Act” and “How Are We Doing?” Year-to-date the PFL Board has received ten trainings. The training topic “How Are We Doing?” provided information on evaluation of the board and its members. PFL provided five trainings to self-advocates with a total of 82 participants attending. Topics included “Collective Action” and “Advocacy Actions/ABLE Act.” Year-to-date PFL has provided fourteen trainings to chapters with 232 total participants.</p> <p>Donna Spears, Advocacy Facilitator supported four members in writing letters to their U.S. senators regarding the ABLE Act and five members in visits to Sens. Landrieu’s and Vitter’s offices in Lake Charles. Members participated on various boards across the state including the DD Council, Mayor’s Advisory Councils on Disabilities, Families Helping Families, OCDD State and Regional Advisory Committees and Work Pay\$ Coalition.</p> <p>The annual PFL meeting scheduled for October 13th will focus on advocacy efforts including developing an advocacy agenda and planning legislative visits.</p> <p><i>PFL status continued on next page</i></p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p>

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<p><i>PFL continued</i></p> <p>PFL contracted with a grant writer to assist with applying for additional funding opportunities and submit an application to LANO for technical assistance (TA) in obtaining nonprofit status. LANO appointed a technical advisor to provide PFL with TA to navigate the process and understand organizational options.</p>	
<p>Objective 1.2 Individuals with developmental disabilities will participate on cross-disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions.</p>	
<p>Council staff shares information with PFL members on joining and participating in various boards of interest to them statewide. PFL received information about LANO and the roles and responsibilities expected of board members. Additionally, copies of the DDC membership application were provided to the Board of Directors to share with their chapters.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>Objective 1.3 75 to 100 individuals with developmental disabilities and parents of young children with developmental disabilities will develop skills in leadership development and systems change activities.</p>	
<p>Planning and recruiting activities for the 2013 Partners in Policymaking class continued this quarter with additional emphasis placed on outreach to people with developmental disabilities in order to increase the number of self-advocate applicants.</p> <p><u>Partners in advocacy</u> Eight of the Council’s applicants being considered this year for Council membership are Partners’ graduates. Partners’ alumni spoke out at events about the importance of participation in Partners in Policymaking.</p> <p>Bambi Polotzola, 2007 Partners alum, set up a Facebook page called LA Partners in Policymaking Alumni as a closed group by invitation only for Partners in Policymaking graduates. As of September 14, 2012, there were 113 members on the page.</p> <p><i>Partners status continued on next page</i></p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p>

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<p><i>Partners continued</i></p> <p>Kem Dwyer, 2012 Partners graduate, continues to advocate through his recent position as Region 4 LaTEACH Coordinator, on Facebook and in his community. He has set up a Facebook page for those who are using self-direction to communicate their needs and wants. He is also trying to organize a get together for Partners graduates to reenergize. Kem has also been appointed to the Louisiana Advisory Council for Special Education Services.</p> <p>Members of St. Landry Abilities who are Partners graduates advocate to improve opportunities for people with different Abilities in St. Landry Parish. Gwen Tezeno (2011); Dana Altamirano (2012); and Laci Polotzola (2012) presented information about the need for pediatric therapy to the Opelousas General Hospital Pediatric Committee.</p>	
<p>Objective 1.4 375 people with developmental disabilities and their family members will advance their knowledge of home- and community-based supports and services and promote advocacy leadership through participation in conferences and other training events.</p>	
<p>27 individuals with disabilities and family members received stipends through Families Helping Families to attend conferences and workshops this quarter. Year to date 101 stipends have been awarded.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p>
<p>My Choice completed the final four trainings this period with 66 participants in attendance. The trainings were in Regions 2, 4, and 5 and topics included “Communicating My Wants and Needs,” “Economic Abuse,” and “Identifying Abuse.”</p> <p><u>Year-to-date</u> My Choice trainings were promoted statewide and were conducted in the areas where they were requested. A total of ten training sessions were conducted on the three topics mentioned above. Three self-advocates presented the trainings to 263 participants in Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.</p> <p><i>*Data through September 7, 2012.</i></p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p>

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<p>Objective 1.5 Members of the Council and its committees will serve as effective advocates for state and national systems change.</p>	
<p>Nine self-advocates and family members were supported to participate in the July Council meeting.</p> <p>There were no Council member stipends awarded this quarter. Year to date three Council member stipends have been awarded. The balance of the Council member Stipend Fund is \$2,765.</p>	
<p>GOAL 2 Improve the quality of community-based supports and services for Louisianans with developmental disabilities.</p>	
<p>Objective 2.1 The quality of waiver services in Louisiana will improve through the development and implementation of a comprehensive home- and community-based services plan.</p>	
<p>Council staff serves on the Act 299 Steering Committee and various Act 299 workgroups but these have not met in the last quarter.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>Objective 2.2 Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) serving Louisianans with developmental disabilities will receive competitive compensation.</p>	
<p>An emergency rule requiring Home and Community Based Services providers to submit cost reports was published in July. The cost reports will provide a baseline of current DSP compensation. The Rate Reimbursement and Cost Report Committee did not meet this quarter.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>Objective 2.3 DSPs serving Louisianans with developmental disabilities will display a minimum skills set and have access to a graduated certification process with corresponding compensation increases.</p>	
<p>There was no action on this initiative this reporting period. DSP curriculum and training are also being addressed in the Act 299 Plan but they are not linked to corresponding compensation increases.</p>	<p>On target: <input type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>

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<p>COMMUNITY SUPPORTS</p>	
<p>GOAL 3 Changes to policies and practices in Louisiana’s developmental disability system will result in adequate funding and availability of quality supports and services in the community and reduce reliance on public and private intermediate care facilities for people with developmental disabilities (ICFs/DD).</p>	
<p>Objective 3.1 4,000 people on the waiting list will begin receiving home- and community-based services by educating stakeholders, policy makers and the public about the waiting list and needed systems reforms.</p>	
<p>LaCAN currently has 2,685 members on its listserv and 962 members who have taken action (e.g., visits/letters to legislators, roundtable/yellow shirt attendance) since October 1, 2011.</p> <p>LaCAN Leaders, along with other statewide grassroots advocacy leaders, attended the 2012 Legislative Debriefing on July 10, 2012, to discuss the results of the 2012 Legislative Session and strategies for improving their advocacy efforts. The 2013 Legislative Kick-off will be held on October 11, 2012, to develop the legislative/advocacy agenda for the upcoming year and to establish strategies for effective advocacy.</p> <p>The NOW Trust Fund Policy calls for DHH to include funding for an additional 200 NOW slots in its budget request if funding for these slots is not available in the NOW Trust Fund. This policy was negotiated by Council leadership and agreed to by DHH Secretary Greenstein in October 2011. State departments are in the process of developing their FY14 budgets now.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p>
<p>Objective 3.2 Admissions to developmental centers will cease by increasing access to behavioral and medical intervention in the community and the discontinuation of people adjudicated into developmental centers.</p>	

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<p>There were no activities this period related to advocacy for additional short-term emergency placement for behavioral and medical stabilization. DHH launched the partnership with Magellan to coordinate behavioral health services that is anticipated to increase the availability of qualified providers and services. Magellan’s Chief Executive Officer will speak at the Council’s Wednesday night dinner meeting on accessing behavioral health services for people with developmental disabilities.</p>	<p>On target: <input type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>Objective 3.3 The number of people in private ICFs/DD per capita in Louisiana will decrease to reach the national average through the transition of people to home- and community-based services.</p>	
<p>DHH indicated it is working internally on various systems change measures that will move the Money Follows the Person initiative forward. Council leadership has continued to advocate with DHH leadership regarding this issue.</p>	<p>On target: <input type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>GOAL 4 Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families will obtain the information, training, and support they need.</p>	
<p>Objective 4.1 75,000 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families will obtain information, training, and support.</p>	
<p>Families Helping Families Resource Centers assisted 6,249 individuals and families with information, referral, or other support this quarter, for a total of 22,777 individuals and families since October 1, 2011.</p> <p>FHF of Acadiana is without an Executive Director.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p>
<p>GOAL 5 The Community and Family Support System will continue to deliver flexible, individualized and person-centered supports.</p>	
<p>Objective 5.1 3,500 individuals with developmental disabilities will receive (Act 378 of 1989) state-funded supports.</p>	

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<p>An Act 378 Ad Hoc Committee met to review the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Local Governing Entities (regional districts/authorities) and DHH and to discuss strategies to ensure the same level and quality of services are provided to individuals and families regardless of the region in which they reside. The Council did a presentation to the staff of South Central LA Human Services District on the history and philosophy of Act 378 services and is on the agenda for the October 25th meeting of the Human Services Interagency Council.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>HEALTH</p>	
<p>GOAL 6 Policies and practices will result in adequate access to health care among Louisiana citizens with developmental disabilities.</p>	
<p>Objective 6.1 Access to quality medical services for individuals with developmental disabilities will increase.</p>	
<p>Medicaid planned to enroll some waiver recipients into Bayou Health effective July 1st but has postponed this enrollment until further notice. Council leadership advocated with DHH leadership that no waiver recipients be forced to enroll in Bayou Health, instead allowing waiver recipients to be optional participants.</p>	<p>On target: <input type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>Objective 6.2 Families will have access to information regarding Medicaid providers.</p>	
<p>All Medicaid providers are listed on the DHH website at the following link: http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/provider_demographics/provider_map.aspx. This information is linked to the DD Council website and will be disseminated in future LaDDC News releases related to health. FHF Centers have publicized this site in their newsletters and website.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>Objective 6.3 Louisiana recipients of waiver services aged 22 and older will have access to dental services.</p>	
<p>Staff has gained membership on the Statewide Oral Health Coalition (SOHC) and advocating to include stronger language in the SORC’s plan to enhance oral health services to Medicaid waiver recipients.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>

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<p>EDUCATION</p>	
<p>GOAL 7 Changes in policies and practices will result in inclusive, evidence-based, and safe educational settings for students with developmental disabilities.</p>	
<p>Objective 7.1 1,000 people will become active in systems advocacy for increased access to inclusive education opportunities among students with developmental disabilities in all publicly funded schools through the support of a statewide family-driven special education grassroots advocacy organization.</p>	
<p>LaTEACH membership increased this year by 198 members for a total of 1501 members.</p> <p>LaTEACH leadership participated in ten meetings with education and government officials this period in Regions 2, 4, 8 and 9 (<i>Baton Rouge, Opelousas, Ruston, and Slidell, LA</i>). Outreach opportunities occurred in Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7.</p> <p>There are LaTEACH Area Coordinator vacancies in regions 6 and 7. LaTEACH was fully represented at the Legislative Debriefing. The summer training for area coordinators was held in Lake Charles on August 4th. LaTEACH will finalize its 2013 legislative/advocacy agenda at the Kickoff on October 11th.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p>
<p>Objective 7.2 Changes in policies and practices will result in competitive employment in integrated settings as the first and desired outcome for youth and young adults with developmental disabilities.</p>	
<p>Employment Systems Change grant was not awarded.</p>	<p>On target: <input type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>Objective 7.3 There will be an increase in the number of charter schools, early education programs, and other publicly funded education facilities that approximate the percentage of students statewide served with developmental disabilities across all LEAs.</p>	

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<p>Council member Patsy White has been appointed to the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP). At the September 12th SEAP meeting members inquired for more information about responsibilities for serving students with disabilities and the allocation of resources to course choice providers.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>Objective 7.4 Students will be protected from discipline practices that cause harm and/or violate their rights.</p>	
<p>Advocacy efforts succeeded in educating legislators about the need to address bullying of students with disabilities. Act861 (SB764) requires school boards to provide a minimum of four hours of training each year for all school employees with respect to bullying and the training must include how to identify students most likely to become victims of bullying.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>GOAL 8 EarlySteps will return to a transdisciplinary service delivery system.</p>	
<p>Objective 8.1 Children participating in EarlySteps will demonstrate improved developmental outcomes.</p>	
<p>No activity this quarter.</p>	<p>On target: <input type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>EMPLOYMENT</p>	
<p>GOAL 9 Changes in public policy and practice will result in an increase of 1,000 people with developmental disabilities in integrated individualized employment.</p>	
<p>Objective 9.1 Louisiana will develop and implement an Employment First plan.</p>	

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<p>Council staff participates in OCDD’s Employment First Workgroup (and committees) with several other parent, advocate, and agency members, developing the Employment First state plan. Previously the Workgroup developed 5-Year Outcomes for the Plan and immediate action steps needed to move us forward. There has been no progress this reporting period.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>Objective 9.2 The capacity of the employment provider system will improve through evidence-based practice in collaboration with the LSU-HSC Human Development Center.</p>	
<p>The Employment Consortium completed nine Basic Supported Employment trainings with 47 participants and two train-the-trainer sessions with five participants this reporting period.</p> <p><u>Year-to-date</u> The Employment Consortium has had 175 participants in 19 Basic classes and 14 train-the-trainer participants.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p>
<p>Objective 9.3 The Louisiana Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program’s federal draw down will increase.</p>	
<p>An LaDDC News was published detailing issues with the federal allotment drawdown. Louisiana has relinquished between 33 to 42 percent of these federal funds in each of the past four years – over \$18.4 million for SFY12 alone. There are currently over 2,800 individuals waiting for services from LRS. The Louisiana Rehabilitation Council hopes to build on its progress with educating legislators on the issues surrounding LRS’ budget and drawdown. The Council also wrote a letter of support to the Commissioner of Administration on Sept. 27th in support of fully funding the necessary state match to draw down LA’s federal allotment.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative</p>
<p>Objective 9.4 Family members and others will be knowledgeable about options for integrated, competitive employment in collaboration with the Advocacy Center and the LSU-HSC Human Development Center.</p>	

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<p>Show Me The Money held training events on the benefits of community employment with a total of 94 participants.</p> <p><u>Year-to-date</u> Show Me The Money has had 255 participants in 22 events.</p> <p>Employment Media Campaign, funded at \$24,000, ran TV spots that were produced two years ago and will begin airing radio spots.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p>
<p>RECREATION</p>	
<p>GOAL 10 More people with developmental disabilities will participate in inclusive community recreation activities.</p>	
<p>Objective 10.1 Inclusive recreation programs will be developed in at least two areas of the state.</p>	
<p>The Inclusive Recreation/ Positive Behavioral Supports Training or PIRL (Pineville Inclusive Recreational League) provided T-Ball and Bowling activities conducting six days of recreation events. A total of 61 children, 15 with disabilities, participated in inclusive recreation activities this period. PIRL reported no significant adverse behavioral events.</p>	<p>On target: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures</p>

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<p><u>Year-to-date</u> PIRL reported a total of 63 children participating in activities, 17 of whom had a disability. Many of the children participated in multiple activities. A total of eight days of inclusive recreational events/activities included soccer, t-ball and bowling. Two soccer events had 44 participants (12 with disabilities); four t-ball events had 105 participants (39 with disabilities); and two bowling events had 21 participants (9 with disabilities).</p> <p>Technical assistance was provided by 17 individuals who received multiple training experiences in inclusive recreation practices and positive behavioral supports. OCDD staff members with competency in positive behavioral supports were assigned to teams of participants and volunteers for each activity.</p>	
<p>CHILD CARE</p>	
<p>GOAL 11 The number of quality, affordable, inclusive child care services accessible to parents of children with significant disabilities will increase.</p>	
<p>Objective 11.1 The capacity of Louisiana’s child care system to support children with significant disabilities will improve.</p>	

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The **Inclusive Child Care Training** project finalized the on-site training modules content with the topic focusing on coaching and mentoring strategies. The five Child Care Resource and Referral (R&R) agencies will host training sessions across the state in September. These training sessions are required for Inclusion Specialists and technical assistance providers and optional for other staff. An invitation to participate went out to all mental health consultants.

In lieu of webinars, conference calls were held with each R&R prior to discuss training content and regional issues related to including children with special needs. The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) was not able to sponsor webinars due to the Child Development & Early Learning Section move to the Department of Education.

Project staff participated in the Department of Education Early Childhood Standards revision workgroup and provided input related to the inclusion of children with disabilities within the document. These standards will be the basis for assessment and instruction and will be included in all future trainings.

The project provided DCFS with recommendations for revision of the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) special needs rate and to incorporate measures of inclusion of children with disabilities as quality standards in the state's Quality Start Child Care Rating System. DCFS passed the recommendations on to the Department of Education Early Childhood Redesign.

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