

LOUISIANA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL DD Network 2011 Survey Results

To assist with the annual planning process, The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Network (the DD Council, the Advocacy Center, and the Human Development Center) surveyed stakeholders to determine the areas of highest priority by people with disabilities and their families. The survey included 18 items identified by a panel of experts, family members, and self-advocates as topics affecting people with disabilities in Louisiana. Respondents indicated the relative priority of each item on a 4-point scale from 1 – “lower priority” to 4 – “high priority.”

A total of 108 people responded to the survey. Respondents identified themselves as representing one of five stakeholder categories: self-advocate, family member, provider, state agency representative, and “others.” Data was analyzed across total respondents as well as across each respondent category. No respondent identified as an advocate. Only four respondents identified themselves as state agency representatives.

Each topic is listed below with percentages of all respondents that rated the topic as high priority.

- Community Supports 65%
- DSP Qualified/Pay 58%
- Education 49%
- Choosing Providers 43%
- Employment 39%
- Housing 37%
- Daycare teacher Training 31%
- Health Services 30%
- Positive Behavioral Support 30%
- Transition 29%
- Insurance 26%
- Abuse/Neglect 26%
- Transportation 26%
- Public Access 26%
- Consumer Law 24%
- Recreation 24%
- Preschool/Day Care 20%
- Emergency Preparedness 14%

The table on the next page provides the percentage of individuals within each respondent group that indicated that item is the highest priority. Over 55% of respondents from each stakeholder category rated Community-based Supports and Services as a 4, with 70% of two stakeholder groups, self-advocates and family members, rating Community-based Supports and Services as a 4. The DSP Qualified/Pay topic was the second highest rated with not less than 44% of each stakeholder group rating it as the highest priority. Education was also perceived as highly important with over 55% of two stakeholder groups, self-advocates and family members, rating Education as a 4. Among the lowest rated topics across groups were areas were: Preschool/Day Care and Emergency Preparedness.

Percentages of '4' responses by Group and Topic

