

# DD Council Mandate

- Advocacy
- Capacity Building
- Systemic Change

# Capacity Building

- Communities
- Service Providers
- Generic Providers
- Individuals and Families

# Advocacy

Supporting a cause and  
speaking out for that cause

# Systems Change

The transformation or significant improvement of a system which furthers the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all aspects of community life.

# Result in:

Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participating in the design of and having access to needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion in all facets of community life.

State Councils on Developmental Disabilities are charged to undertake advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities that contribute to a coordinated, consumer and family-centered, consumer and family-directed, comprehensive system that includes needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

# Council's Charge

- Educate policy makers
- Provide training and technical assistance
- Demonstrate innovation
- Develop and support coalitions
- Empower
- Change public attitudes
- Organize and enlist others to influence
- Outreach

**Recognizing the  
difference between  
individual issues  
and systemic issues**