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## Recruiting Strong Advocates for DD Council Membership

Are you or someone you know interested in improving the system of supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families? Do you support the self-determination, independence, productivity and full inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life? If so, please consider submitting an application for membership on the La. Developmental Disabilities Council.

The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council is currently recruiting applicants from **Regions VII and IX** for vacancies in late 2015. Region VII includes Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, Desoto, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, and Webster parishes. Region IX includes Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington parishes. The **deadline for applications** in order to be considered for these two positions is **October 4, 2015**.

Applicants must be one of the following:

- An individual with a developmental disability;
- A parent or guardian of a child with a developmental disability; or
- The immediate relative or guardian of an adult with an intellectual developmental disability who cannot advocate for themselves.

Council members are appointed by the Governor and serve four-year terms. Whenever there is a vacancy, a membership committee of the Council reviews all the applications received throughout the year and makes recommendations to the full Council for approval. Names are then submitted to the Governor for his consideration. [The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000](#) includes criteria for all states to follow in selecting their DD Council's membership (including the [definition of a developmental disability](#)) and the Louisiana Council takes care to ensure our membership is in compliance with our federal law.

Interested persons should complete the [application for membership](#) prior to the deadline. More information about the Council can be found on [our website](#).