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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 Council is currently recruiting applicants for three vacancies that will occur in the Spring of 2014. One position on the Council is reserved for an individual living in Region 5 (Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jeff David parishes) and another living in Region 8 (Caldwell, East and West Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, and Union parishes).

The remaining position must be filled by someone representing a local, non-governmental and/or non-profit group concerned with services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Individuals representing a non-profit who also happen to be the parent of someone with a developmental disability or a self-advocate are especially encouraged to apply. Applications for this non-profit position will be considered from any region of the state.

**The deadline to apply for all three positions is December 1, 2013.**

Applicants must be one of the following:

- an individual with a developmental disability
- the parent of a child with a developmental disability,
- the immediate relative or guardian of an adult with a mentally impairing developmental disability who cannot advocate for him/herself, or
- an individual representing a local, non-governmental and/or non-profit group concerned with services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

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.

Click [here](#) to submit your application online by December 1, 2013.

