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Monroe and Baton Rouge Area Advocates: Consider Applying 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 Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council.

The Council is currently recruiting applicants from **Region VIII** (Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll parishes) for an immediate vacancy. The **deadline for applications** in order to be considered for this position is **September 2, 2014**.

The Council is also recruiting applicants from **Region II** (East and West Baton Rouge, Ascension, Iberville, East and West Feliciana, and Pointe Coupee parishes) for a vacancy anticipated in the Fall of 2014. The **deadline for applications** in order to be considered for this position is **August 15, 2014**.

Applicants for both of these positions must be an **individual with a developmental disability as defined** in the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act.

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 and the Louisiana Council takes care to ensure our membership is in compliance with our federal law.

[Learn more](#) about the Council. Interested persons should complete the [application for membership](#) prior to the deadline.

