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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 **individuals with developmental disabilities** to apply from three regions of the state:

- **Region II** (East and West Baton Rouge, Ascension, Iberville, East and West Feliciana, and Pointe Coupee parishes) – **Deadline to apply is August 15, 2014**
- **Region I** (Orleans, St. Bernard, Plaquemines parishes) – **Deadline to apply is September 2, 2014**
- **Region VIII** (Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll parishes) – **Deadline to apply is September 2, 2014**

APPLICANTS MUST BE 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. [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 applicable deadline.