

Recruiting Strong Advocates for DD Council Membership

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The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council is currently recruiting applicants from Regions III, V and X for three anticipated vacancies in the spring and summer of 2017. Region III includes Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, and Terrebonne parishes. Region V includes Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jeff Davis parishes. Region X includes Jefferson parish.

The **deadline for applications** in order to be considered for these positions is **Tuesday, April 4th.**

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.

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 Council.

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 <u>application for membership</u> prior to the deadline. More information about the Council can be found on <u>our website</u>.

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