

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council

**State Five-Year Plan
Federal Fiscal Years
2022 – 2026**
(October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2026)

Goals and Objectives

Council Adopted October 22, 2020

The Council's mission is to increase independence, self-determination, productivity, integration, and inclusion for Louisianans with developmental disabilities by engaging in advocacy, capacity building, and systems change.

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GOAL 1 Self-Advocacy and Advocacy Leadership

Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families will have access to information and supports to become effective leaders of their communities and advocate for systems changes on behalf of themselves and other individuals with developmental disabilities.

Objective 1.1 Individuals with developmental disabilities of all ages will have access to opportunities to increase their awareness and knowledge of rights as a contributing member to society; including subject matters on (but not limited to) advocacy, voting, exploitation prevention, financial stability and responsibilities, and decision making.

Objective 1.2 Louisiana's self-advocacy network, partner groups, and citizens with developmental disabilities will be supported in self-advocacy training, systems change advocacy, and through participation on a variety of boards and commissions.

GOAL 2 Community Living and Supports

To be fully participating members of the community, individuals with developmental disabilities, including those with the most challenging needs, and their families will have access to quality supports and services inclusive of affordable healthcare, resources across various service delivery systems, and shall be treated equally by all members of the community.

Objective 2.1 Individuals with developmental disabilities will have increased access to appropriate and affordable healthcare, including primary and specialist providers, preventive health services and prevention of chronic diseases, dental care, sexual/reproductive health services and behavioral health services.

Objective 2.2 Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families will have access to and be served by qualified trained professionals, including Direct Support Professionals, First Responders, and other professionals, who will value and promote inclusive community living.

Objective 2.3 Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families will have increased access to safe, affordable, and accessible housing allowing for inclusive community living. (Targeted Disparity – Disadvantaged population)

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GOAL 3 Education and Employment

Individuals with developmental disabilities will have access to quality education in inclusive and safe environments throughout all stages of life and access to self-determined, individualized, equal and gainful employment opportunities that provide competitive wages and integrated work environments.

Objective 3.1 Parents of students with developmental disabilities will have increased access to early diagnosis, identification of needs, early intervention services, childcare and information and opportunities to collaborate with educators regarding individualized educational planning or programming to meet the needs of their students.

Objective 3.2 Individuals with developmental disabilities will have increased employment outcomes upon transitioning from secondary educational settings, access to employment opportunities inclusive of services from highly qualified employment support providers and increased competitive and integrated opportunities from employers who are educated on how to support people with developmental disabilities.