



## Recruiting Strong Advocates for Council Membership

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**The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council is currently recruiting applicants STATEWIDE to fill multiple membership vacancies.**

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.

*Applicants must be:*

- An individual with a developmental disability that currently lives in, or has lived in an institutional facility **or** a parent or guardian of an individual that currently lives in, or has lived in, an institutional facility (examples include, but are not limited to, Pinecrest Supports and Services Center, Carrollton Community Home, Magnolia Community Services, etc.);
- 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.
- A representative of a local and non-governmental, private non-profit group concerned with services for individuals with developmental disabilities. (*Employees of private agencies with a contractual relationship with the Council are not eligible for Council membership.*)

**At this time, preference will be given to males for all positions in order to comply with federal guidelines.**

The **deadline for applications** in order to be considered for these vacancies is **September 21, 2023**.

Council members are appointed by the Governor and generally 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](#) includes criteria for all states to follow in selecting their DD Council's membership (including the [definition of developmental disabilities](#)) and the Louisiana Council takes care to ensure our membership is in compliance with federal law.

Interested persons should complete the [application for membership](#) prior to the deadline. More information about the Council can be found on [our website](#).

## Contact Us

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