

## Council Wishes the Best to Executive Director Amy Deaville

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It is with mixed emotions the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council announces the departure of its Executive Director, Amy Deaville. Ms. Deaville has ended her time with the Council to pursue other exciting and challenging career opportunities. Ms. Deaville's last day with the Council was Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Under her leadership, the Council had many advocacy wins that have positively impacted individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families. Most notably:

- Securing an additional \$500,000 in state general funds (SGF) for the regional Families Helping Families Centers for the last two years;
- Funding to increase I/DD waiver rates to increase direct support worker (DSW) pay;
- Securing \$8 million in SGF during the 2022 legislative session to fund cameras in special education classrooms;
- Securing funding for comprehensive dental coverage for adults on I/DD waivers and in Intermediate Care Facilities for Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD);
- Creation of the Postsecondary Inclusive Education Fund ([Act 682](#) of 2022) and subsequent funding in 2023; and
- The passage of [Act 393](#) of 2023 which amends Louisiana's Open Meetings Law to allow for remote operations of certain public bodies in an effort to create more inclusive meetings practices for individuals with disabilities and their caretakers.

The Council wishes Ms. Deaville all the best in her next adventure and expresses its gratitude for her commitment and service to the Council and the individuals and families we serve.

Deputy Director Ebony Haven will serve as the Council's Interim Executive Director until the Council hires an Executive Director.

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