



Council on Developmental Disabilities

Advocacy. Innovation. Inclusion.

The mission of the New York State Council on Developmental Disabilities (CDD) is to enhance the lives of New Yorkers with Developmental Disabilities (DD) and their families through programs that promote self-advocacy, participation, and inclusion in all facets of community life.

WHO WE ARE:

The NYS CDD was created by the Developmental Disabilities Act. This act requires a Council on Developmental Disabilities for each U.S. state and territory. Although the CDD is 100% federally funded, it is a New York State agency under the direction of the Governor. The NYS CDD is not a direct service provider. Our mission is carried out through grant work. The NYS CDD creates pilot projects in all life areas. Our projects focus on advocacy, systems change, integration, and inclusion in all aspects of a person's life.

WHAT WE DO:

The NYS CDD addresses the needs of people with developmental disabilities (DD) through projects that promote self-determination, integration, and inclusion.

The primary work of the NYS CDD is done through pilot projects. These CDD-funded projects seek to:

- Promote capacity building, and systems change efforts
- Empower people through work that teaches self-advocacy skills
- Advance public policy to help individuals gain more control over their lives
- Create an environment of independence, self-determination, inclusion, and acceptance

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