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OUR PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Council is to undertake advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities consistent with subsections [b] and [c] of section 101 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance & Bill of Rights Act of 2000, more specifically, to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of and have access of needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion in all facets of community life.



MISSION:

It is the mission of the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities to bring about necessary systemic change in order to promote the lives of persons with developmental disabilities. This will assure that the service network is providing persons with developmental disabilities the programs necessary to enable them to achieve their maximum potential.



STATE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

The Council shall develop and implement that state plan required by the DD Act and the Council's State law, as now or hereafter amended. The Council shall implement the State Plan by conducting and supporting advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities as described in Part B of the DD Act.

The Council shall take any other actions as may be reasonable to carry out the purposes of the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities Law and the DD Act, as now or hereafter amended.



PERFORMANCE



PERFORMANCE AREA EMPHASIS:

Goal 1: Self-Advocacy:

Promote and support the development of leadership and self-advocacy capacity among people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

By 2021, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families will be afforded the same level of safety as all, be involved in the process to plan, advocate, and take charge for themselves when an emergency arises, and have a clear idea of what to do in such situations.

Goal 2: Service System Improvement:

By 2021, the Council will work with partners on at least two (2) systems change initiatives and provide information, education, and skill building activities so that individuals and or students with intellectual and developmental disabilities will have improved transition services from high school through post-secondary into meaningful outcomes and equate services and supports and increased opportunities in employment in the CNMI.

Goal 3: Respite Care:

By 2021, family members and/or caregivers of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and individuals who are medically fragile will have access to respite services made available through the Commonwealth Respite Services Program (NMI PL 20-43).

OUR WORK:

To help serve our community, Council members developed a five-year state plan addressing the needs of CNMI residents with developmental disabilities. The plan was implemented through community partnerships and our self-advocates educating our community in disability awareness by designing projects that were innovative and sustainable. The Council used comprehensive needs assessment from partners to identify areas for goal development.

Federal fiscal year 2021 was the final year of implementation of the Council's five-year state plan. Meeting quarterly and working through committees and work teams, Council members dedicated their time to develop programs and evaluate goals and objectives. Each member was an integral voice in serving the communities they represent.

Councils are mandated to engage in advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities that support people with developmental disabilities to live in homes and communities in which they can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens while pursuing meaningful and productive lives. Councils are called to improve coordinated, consumer and family centered and directed community services. Serving as advocates for people with DD, council activities and projects must carry out the purpose of the DD Act.



FINANCIAL

FUNDING SOURCE:

The CNMI CDD receives a federal formula grant from the Administration on Community Living under Title I, Subtitle B of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000. All funds are subject to the requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principle and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards under 45 CFR Part 75.

The CNMI CDD funds used primarily for two purposes: (1) planning and (2) implementation of innovative strategies to address the needs of CNMI residents with developmental disabilities.

March 2, 2021 - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION SIGNING

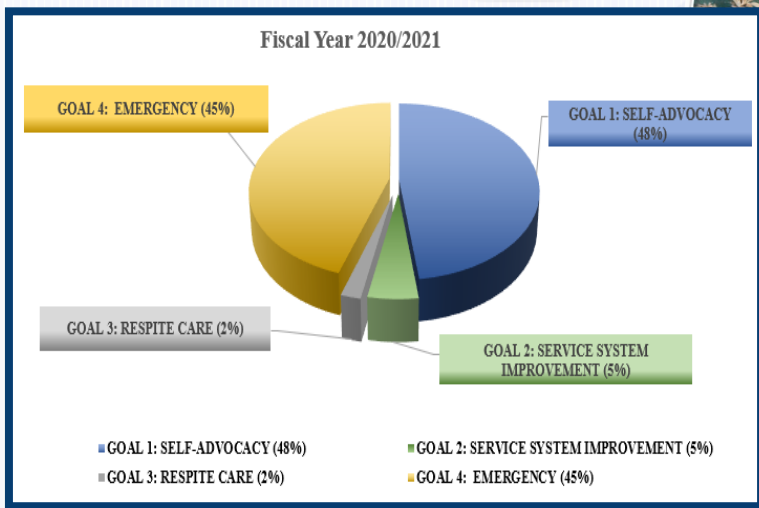


2021 VOICES/Self ADVOCATES TRAINING - ROTA



ADVOCACY CAPACITY BUILDING SYSTEM CHANGE

2021 PROJECT BUDGET



Total Expenditures: \$189,890
Administrative Costs: \$81,382



WHAT'S NEXT

FOCUS AREA & EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

Goal 1: Self-Advocacy:

Promote and support the development of leadership and self-advocacy capacity among people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Expected Objective Outcomes: An increase of self-advocate leaders from the VOICES of the CNMI used their leadership skills and knowledge to effectively operate the organization.

Expected Objective Outcomes: More people with intellectual and development disabilities will utilize their leadership skill to advocate for themselves and for others. More people with intellectual and developmental disabilities will be informed about disability issues affecting their lives and are able to advocate for themselves and others.

CNMI policy makers will have increased knowledge of disability issues affecting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities residing in the CNMI.

Expected Objective Outcomes: More people are active in cross disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions or boards or committees.

Increase in leadership skills and knowledge of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Goal 2: Service System Improvement:

By 2021, the Council will work with partners on at least two (2) systems change initiatives and provide information, education, and skill building activities so that individuals and or students with intellectual and developmental disabilities will have improved transition services from high school through post-secondary into meaningful outcomes and equate services and supports and increased opportunities in employment in the CNMI.

Expected Objective Outcomes:

Students with intellectual and developmental disabilities will have improved transition outcomes from high school through post-secondary education/training.

Goal 3: Respite Care:

By 2021, family members and/or caregivers of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and individuals who are medically fragile will have access to respite services made available through the Commonwealth Respite Services Program (NMI PL20-43).

Expected Objective Outcomes:

More family members and/or caregivers of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and individuals who are medically fragile in the CNMI will have access to Respite Services.

Goal 4: Self-Advocacy:

By 2021, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families will be afforded the same level of safety as all, be involved in the process to plan, advocate, and take charge for themselves when an emergency arises, and have a clear idea of what to do in such situations.

Expected Objective Outcomes:

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families will have increased knowledge and information on how to access services and assistance in event of a disaster and emergency.

2021 focused on surveys and needs assessments which were utilized in the next five year State Plan.

