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**COUNCIL on DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Developmental Disabilities Basic State Grant Program

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**CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Proposed Amendments to 2022 – 2026 Five Year State Plan  
Goals & Objectives**

Each State Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council is required to submit a 5-Year State Plan to the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) outlining the intended use of federal funding allocated for its basic operational grant. State Plans are focused on improving the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities through full inclusion and participation in all aspects of community life. The federal government expects DD Councils to identify goals that can be achieved in five years using available resources. Federal law mandates that the State Plan address some or all the Areas of Emphasis established by Congress in the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act).

**GOAL 1: SELF-ADVOCACY: Leadership and Advocacy**

By 2026, People with developmental disabilities and their families will have access to leadership development opportunities and or training to increase their advocacy skills to improve their quality of life.

**OBJECTIVE 1.1:** Annually, the DD Network will support individuals with developmental disabilities to learn the skills and tools necessary to be more self-determined.

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OBJECTIVE 1.2: Annually, the CNMI will have increase the number of self-advocate trainers so they can provide other self-advocates with opportunities to learn and engage in personal, collaborative, and civic leadership.

OBJECTIVE 1.3: Annually, the CNMI will increase the number of self-advocates active in public policy, advocacy, cross-disability and culturally diverse leadership activities.

**GOAL 2: COMMUNITY SERVICES IMPROVEMENT** – By 2026, The Council will strengthen communities in the CNMI to support people with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

OBJECTIVE 2.1: EMPLOYMENT By 2024, work with the CNMI Disability Network Partners to educate communities, train employers, and write one state policy to create more employment opportunities for job seekers with developmental disabilities in the CNMI.

OBJECTIVE 2.2: TRANSITION By 2024, work with the CNMI Transition Coalition, the CNMI Disability Network Partners and others to build or improve at least one practice and one policy meant to improve transition outcomes for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities from high school through postsecondary education/training.

OBJECTIVE 2.3: ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM - BUILDING CAPACITY: By 2026, people with developmental disabilities and their families will have increased access to assistive technology by building the capacity of the CNMI Assistive Technology Program that will directly improve their access to education, employment, housing, transportation and healthcare the CNMI.

OBJECTIVE 2.4 By 2026, work with the Disability Network Partners (DNP) and government agencies to plan and develop strategies for the establishment of a central repository for disability related data housing.

OBJECTIVE 2.5 TARGETED DISPARITY By 2026, Asian families and people with developmental disabilities in the CNMI will have more information about formal and informal supports and services so they can get services and supports that meet their individual needs and preferences in a culturally appropriate manner.

Proposed Amendments shown below:

OBJECTIVE 2.6: By 2024, the CNMI will work with at least two partners to increase the number respite caregivers to provide respite care for individuals with developmental disabilities and or those who are medically fragile and their families residing in the CNMI.

OBJECTIVE 2.7: EMERGING ISSUES: Annually, the Council will explore emerging issues impacting People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and their families and take appropriate action, if needed.

OBJECTIVE 2.8: By 2023, the CNMI will have increased the number of CNMI First Responders who have participated in disability awareness training focused on the needs of people with disabilities and their families during emergencies and natural disasters.

## Your Input Wanted During the Council's State Plan Public Hearing:

Date	Venue	Time
June 8, 2022	DYS Youth Center	9:00am – 4:00pm

Date	Venue	Time
June 9, 2022	Rota Mayor's Office	10:00am – 3:00pm

Date	Venue	Time
June 16, 2022	Northern Marianas College Building K - Room – K1 & K2	4:30pm – 5:30pm
June 17, 2022	Center for Living Independently (CLI) Building #1366, Capitol Hill	9:30am – 11:00am

### **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION:**

For reasonable accommodation (e.g., braille, audio format, large print etc.) please call the office of the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities at least five (5) days prior to the event at 664-7000/3/5 or email to: [info@cnmicdd.gov.mp](mailto:info@cnmicdd.gov.mp)

Other accessible formats of the document are available upon request.

Public review of the Proposed Amendments to the Council's Five-Year State is required by law and helps us improve the plan. The public review period provides a 45-day window of opportunity for CNMI residents to evaluate the proposed amendments to the Goals and Objectives, and to share their comments so we can make improvements.

The proposed amendment of the Five-Year State Plan will be available at the office of the CNMI Council on Developmental

Disabilities, building #1310, Anatahan Dr., Capitol Hill or you may contact our office at (670) 664-7000/3/5.

Please submit written comments by email to [info@cnmicdd.gov.mp](mailto:info@cnmicdd.gov.mp)  
For each comment, please reference goal number and objective number.

**Comment period:**

**June 2, 2022 – July 16, 2022**

Comments must be received via email by 4:30 p.m. CHST on **July 16, 2022**.

Thank you for your input!