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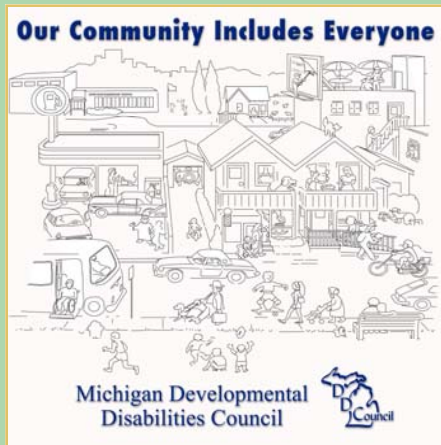
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Michigan Developmental
Disabilities Council



Purpose:

To improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities in Michigan by:

- Carrying out and evaluating the grants included in the Council's Five-Year Strategic Plan;
- Ensuring that grant projects are developed in accordance with the Council's intent, as described in the Strategic Plan;
- Reviewing performance of active grant projects.

What we do:

- Help and oversee staff's work in developing strategies to carry out grant-related parts of the Plan by reviewing and approving RFPs, and the documents that put the Council's grants out for bid.
- Ensure that RFPs will bring in proposals for projects that will carry out the Council's intent and achieve its purpose.
- Oversees active grant projects by reviewing reports from Council staff and the projects, in order to:

◦Asses the projects' progress and ensure that they stay on task to produce intended outcomes

◦Help Council staff and grantees to solve complex implementation problems; and

◦Support the staff's work with projects.

- Reviews and makes recommendations to Council's Executive Committee and full Council about procedures to award grants

Objectives:

- Provides the Council with tools for promoting systems change and supports the hopes and dreams of people with disabilities
- Issues grants only in accordance to the Council's Plan.
- Issues more that \$1 million worth of grants each year, "To support people with developmental disabilities to achieve life dreams"
- Watches grant projects to ensure that they are doing what they set out to do and running according to Council's intent.
- Requires that all projects:

◦Lead to changes in the system that serve them.

◦ Add to the resources available to support people with developmental disabilities.

◦Do these in ways that continue long after the grant project is over.

- Are evaluated for:

◦Carrying out the council intent

◦Make their findings and other products widely available

Why you should join:

- To have a say and active role in how the Council's grant process works.
- To learn a lot about what the Council looks for in grant proposals.
- To see what grants are coming up and what will be required to apply for them.
- Hear from active grants and gather ideas for your own community projects and activities.