



## Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities

*Working Toward One Community for All Arizonans*

The Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities is a 25-member council comprised of individuals with developmental disabilities, family members of individuals with disabilities and representatives of state agencies that provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Every five years, the Council develops and implements a state plan that addresses specific priorities. The Council's current plan includes objectives in the areas of education, employment, formal and informal community supports and quality assurance. The charge of the Council is to implement the goals and objectives of the five-year state plan through systemic change, capacity building and advocacy activities.

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## ARIZONA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES NETWORK

The Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Arizona Center for Disability Law, Sonoran UCEDD and the Institute for Human Development are partner organizations that together form the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Network. The four organizations are authorized under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (Public Law 106-402) and receive funding from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Developmental Disabilities.

The Arizona DD Network partners work collectively and collaboratively to foster the independence, advocacy and community integration of individuals with developmental disabilities.



NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY  
*Institute for Human Development  
Arizona University Center on Disabilities*

The Institute for Human Development (IHD) is an interdisciplinary training and research program located on the campus of Northern Arizona University. It is one of a national network of University Centers authorized by the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act. IHD's mission is to build and enhance the capacity of a statewide service continuum for persons with disabilities. IHD recognizes the essential role of direct consumers and family members in the development and evaluation of

effective service models and promotes system change that values and fully includes persons of all racial, ethnic, cultural and language backgrounds.

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## Arizona Center for Disability Law

Protection and Advocacy System for Arizona

With offices in Phoenix and Tucson, the Arizona Center for Disability Law serves as the state's designated protection and advocacy system for individuals with disabilities. The Center provides a wide range of services in the areas of special education, health care, mental health services, access to community services and employment. In addition to offering individual legal representation, the Center provides information and referral, brief assistance and educational workshops on the rights of persons with disabilities in a variety of arenas such as the educational setting and the workplace. The Center also investigates allegations of abuse and neglect involving individuals with disabilities.

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*In Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service*

In 2006, the Department of Family and Community Medicine (FCM) of the University of Arizona became home to one of the nation's newest University Centers of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) The Sonoran UCEDD works in partnership with the community to create and expand opportunities for people with developmental disabilities as they navigate life's transitions. Our name, "Sonoran" UCEDD, reflects where we live – Southern Arizona and the border region with Mexico – and the issues that inform our work. The goal of the Sonoran UCEDD is to ensure full community participation by individuals with developmental disabilities by advancing policy and practice in the areas of research, education, information dissemination and service.

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