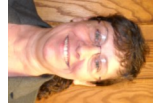




2012 Annual Report

Utah Developmental Disabilities Council



A message from

Sherri Dial - Chairperson 2012

2012 is the final year of my second term serving on the Utah DD Council. Live in Washington County. Travel to the meetings requires a five-hour drive to Salt Lake. I learned during my six years of service. Serving on the Council is a unique experience - we have a very diverse group with many points of view within the Utah disability community. There are many diverse needs and a pioneer heritage that focuses on self-sufficiency. There is a great need for continued advocacy to ensure the voices of people with developmental disabilities are being heard and an appropriate response is formulated.

The Council serves as an excellent avenue to give voice to all those points of view and coordinate collaborative efforts to efficiently address concerns. The meetings also enable people and families who are receiving services to directly interact and impact State Agency Director's implementation of programs and services so programs can deliver quality services to the disability community. Interacting and collaborating with the multiple segments of the disability community is vitally important to the effective use of limited resources.

The importance of relationships cannot be overstated. The Council allows agency and providers the opportunity to know family members and self-advocates from all over the state. The Council is charged by federal law to promote self-determination, provide advocacy, develop leaders, and promote the system to be increasingly accepting for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As the mother of a young adult transitioning into the adult world where entitlement services are few and far between, I know first hand the impact of disability on families. Navigating the bureaucratic systems is difficult and exhausting.

It is a bittersweet moment that I recognize my service to the Council has ended. It takes a couple of years to comprehend the Council's ability to organize a bigger picture and to begin to understand the complexity of the disability service system. I have increased my knowledge and my ability to use and refer others to services because of my involvement on the Council.

I leave the Council implementing a new strategic plan that will help Utah move forward and inspire the disability system to respond to the needs of young people. Society has benefited from the disability civil rights legislation that has helped promote inclusion for people in their communities. Go to the Council's website: www.utahddcouncil.org where you can see highlights and details of our plan.

Our Vision

A world where all people have what they need to get what they want from life.



At the Capitol in Washington D.C.

Our Mission

The mission of the Utah Developmental Disabilities Council is to be the state's leading source of critical innovative, and progressive information, advocacy, leadership and collaboration to enhance the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities.



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2011-2012 Year in Review Overview

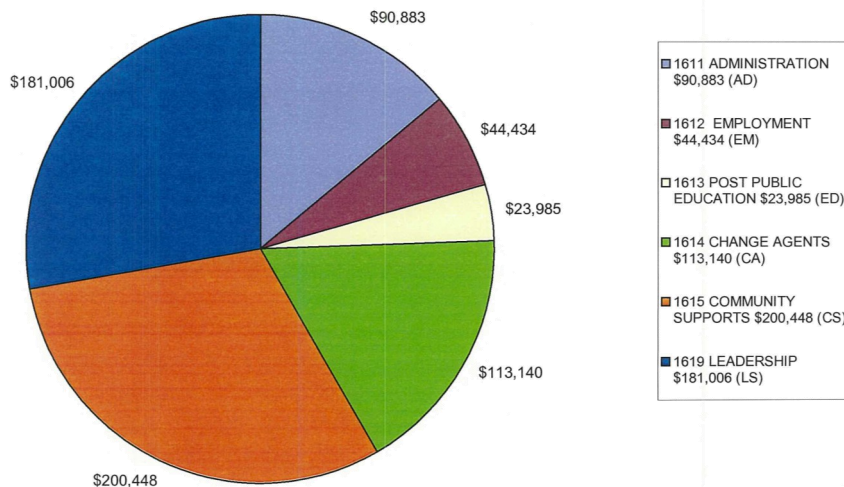


Employment

The 2012-2016 5-Year Strategic Plan goals are listed below. This is the first year of work on these goals.

- (1) Support the development of opportunities for people with disabilities to pursue a range of post-public school education experiences.
- (2) Support the development of networks of self-advocates and advocates becoming effective change agents.
- (3) Support self-advocates and advocates in leadership opportunities.
- (4) Support the evolution of community resources and supports that empower people with developmental disabilities to lead independent lives in the community
- (5) Support the development of opportunities for people with disabilities to get and keep jobs.

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Participants at the Alliance for Full Participation in Washington D.C.

The Council sent a delegation of self advocates and professionals to the November 2011 Alliance for Full Participation in Washington D.C. Representative Ronda Menlove attended and was a panel participant highlighting Utah's Employment First Legislation. The AFP focused on implementing strategies that will increase the number of people with developmental disabilities getting jobs.

Council members and staff participated with the Employment First group to revise policies for state agencies impacted by the Employment First law. UDDC members and staff are active members of the Employment Partnership work group, the Self-employment work group and various other employment initiatives within the state.



The Council sponsored a system's planning work group last August that involved stakeholders from the Department of Human Services, Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD), service providers, People First members, family members and other disability advocates to identify desired DSPD services. The group focused on establishing a system to convey stakeholder input to the DSPD. The DSPD valued the stakeholder's input and has instituted many new policies as a result of that two-day work group.

Bekke Robb, Jeff Sheen, and Claire Mantonya identified adult siblings to plan for a statewide information and support group called Utah Adult Brothers and Sisters (UTABS). The Council sent Bekke to the Tennessee Adult Siblings conference and she is now the Utah representative in the National Sibling Leadership Network. UTABS is in the preliminary stage of organizing.

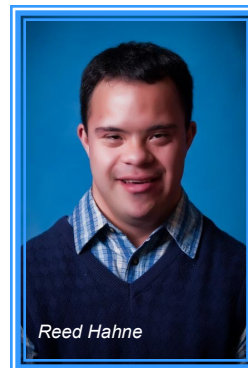
The Council developed a call for proposal, advertised, and selected the Utah Caregiver Alliance to create a caregiver registry to help families find staff, communicate, share resources, and get connected. Where services currently don't exist, UCA plans to organize family cooperatives to help develop supports to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities.

UDDC is collaborating with the Disability Law Center and Center for Persons with Disabilities to address issues around abuse and neglect of people with developmental disabilities. This year, surveys were conducted to determine the needs. A curriculum from Temple University was adapted and a group of self advocate were trained to help teach local People First groups how to prevent abuse and neglect, and increase individual safety.

The Council completed its contribution to the Utah Basin Transit Authority that started public transportation along the 40 mile section of US-40 from Duchesne to Vernal in May 2012.



Pictured: Tom Brownlee cutting the ribbon at the Ability First opening in Provo, UT



Reed Hahne

The Center for Persons with Disabilities (CPD) at Utah State has taken the lead on our Post Public Education goal by convening a long-term work group called the Utah Transition Action Team. Quarterly meetings bring representatives from major Universities and Colleges including Utah State University, professional educators, Vocational Rehabilitation and parents together to explore a new emphasis of having people with intellectual and developmental disabilities participate in post-secondary education.

There is a national movement, "Think College!," and Utah is developing the conversation and removing barriers so that individuals with disabilities and their families will make post-secondary education a part of their future planning as children transition into young adults, just like their peers do!

Council member, Reed Hahne, and his mother, Karen, along with Dr. Ed Martinelli from Utah Valley University, attended a national conference on post-secondary experiences at George Mason University in Virginia in November 2011. Dr. Martinelli is an advocate within his university hierarchy helping to consider ways to make college a reality for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Reed is a student at UVU and was a pioneer in breaking stereotypes and barriers.

Utah DD Council Members

Adina Zahradnikova	Eder Soriano	Jennifer Kuhn	Richard Harward
Amy Weyrich	Elsie Dee	Kayci Lynam	Sherri Dial
Bryce Fifield, PhD	Eric Stoker	Kristen Hone	Tom Brownlee
Cheryl Hansen	Ginny Rouse	Lenny Jones	Tonya Hales
Clarissa Crisp	Glenna Gallo	Lisa Breitenstein	Tracy Johnson
Deborah Bowman	James O'Neill	Nels Holmgren	Rep. Paul Ray
Donald Holt	Jane Tuttle	Nevah Stevenson	Sen. Pat Jones
Don Uchida	Jeanie Pettit	Paul Smith	
Dustin Erekson	Jennie Gibson	Reed Hahne	

Becoming Effective Change Agents



Leadership Development

This year reflects the second year contracting with Family Advocacy, Inc., to manage the statewide administration of Utah People First and the Grass-roots Advocacy Partnership (GAP). Family Advocacy is working with local People First groups to re-establish and develop new groups throughout the state. A new State Board has been established and materials and technical assistance has helped self-advocates lead, organize, host, and report their local group activities. Self-advocates are trained as mentors to other groups to help them become better organized and to more effectively communicate within the network.

Family Advocacy, Inc., developed and supported fund raising activities. Specific groups raised funds to help send members to the Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) National Conference in Minneapolis, MN in August. Family Advocacy is working on obtaining the 501.c(3) tax status for Utah People First and that should be completed in the near future.

People First members were selected to present trainings at the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities Conference (NACDD) and at statewide emergency management trainings this year. Over 790 advocates are actively working in system advocacy and 2,700 people received training.

The GAP's educational efforts with legislators produced good success during the 2012 Legislative Session; the waiting list received \$500,000 for the first time in several years!

The Council produced a short video to teach people about the caucus process and the importance of getting involved in politics. The GAP encouraged people to participate in their local political caucuses. Over 50 people reported participation this spring. Several members were elected as both state and county representatives to their party conventions.

The Council completed the third and final year of a contract with Transitions in Blanding to manage local People First Groups in southeastern Utah. Specifically Moab, Blanding and the groups on the Navajo Reservation at Monument Valley and Montezuma Creek. A delegation of Council members visited those People First groups in May to review the contract and help determine future directions for supporting Native American people.

The Council sponsored 14 people to attend the 2012 National SABE Conference in Minnesota this fall. Bryon Murray, of Roosevelt, was elected to be the new National President of SABE on September 1, 2012. He will serve for the next two years! Our Utah delegation was selected to present four separate break-out sessions during this conference, and had excellent feedback on these presentations.

The Empowerment Fund provided an award, to a family member from Washington, UT, to attend the National Down Syndrome Society National Congress in Washington D.C. From this national exposure, The Council gained a newly educated advocate to join our mission.



Pictured are SABE President, Bryon Murray and Utah SABE participants



Utah SABE participant Lenny Jones



Utah SABE participant Pat Stefanoff

