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CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities 2017 – 2021 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).

The Areas of Emphasis are as follow:

Child Care – Community Supports – Early Intervention – Education – Employment – Health Related—Housing—Quality Assurance—Recreation—Transportation

CNMI CDD's proposed priorities are set forth in our Five-Year State Plan, which is developed based on data gathered from a statewide needs assessment of the most pressing needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and the areas of emphasis that the Council will focus on for the next five years. Strategies may include public policy advocacy, leadership development and collaboration to name a few. Please note that CNMI CDD does not provide direct services.

CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities State Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2017 – 2021 Goals & Objectives

Goal 1 – Self Advocacy

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

Objective 1.1 – Self-Advocacy

Provide support to strengthen a State Self-Advocacy organization led by people with developmental disabilities.

Objective 1.2 – Self-Advocacy

Support opportunities for people with developmental disabilities who are considered leaders to provide leadership training to individuals with developmental disabilities who may become leaders.

Objective 1.3 – Self-Advocacy

Support participation of people with developmental disabilities in cross-disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions.

Goal 2 – Service System Improvement

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

Objective 2.1 – Employment

By 2021, create more opportunities for young adults and job seekers with developmental disabilities to have meaningful employment opportunities with competitive wages and exhibit their abilities and skills in an inclusive environment working alongside their peers without disabilities by working with the CNMI Disability Network Partners to educate communities, training staff, and writing one state policy by September 2021 to improve services that support fully integrated, competitive employment.

Objective 2.2 – Transition

By 2021, collaborate with the CNMI Transition Coalition, the CNMI Disability Network Partners and others to create or improve at least one practice designed to improve transition outcomes for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities from high school through postsecondary education/training.

Goal 3 - Respite Care

Family members and/or Caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities and individuals who are medically fragile will have access to respite services made available through the Commonwealth Respite Services Program (CNMI PL 14-36).

Objective 3.1 - Respite Care

By 2021, collaborate with the Commonwealth Respite Service Program and partners to improve and/or expand training to thirty (30) respite caregivers in underserved and unserved communities of Tinian and Rota.

Goal 4 - Emergency Preparedness

People with developmental disabilities 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 arise, and to have a clear idea of what to do in such situation.

Objective 4.1 – Emergency Preparedness

By 2021, collaborate with the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, CNMI Disability Network Partners, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, CNMI CORE and other community -based stakeholders to effectively incorporate the functional and accessibility needs of CNMI residents with developmental disabilities in emergency planning.

Your Input Wanted:

Public review of the 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 newly developed Goals and Objectives, and to share their comments so we can make improvements. We also welcome your suggestions for strategies and activities to help us achieve these goals and objectives.

Other accessible formats of the document are available upon request. Please contact our office at (670) 664-7003/5 or email psablan.cnmicdd@gmail.com .

Please submit written comments by email to psablan.cnmicdd@gmail.com or by fax at (670) 323-7006 . For each comment, please reference goal number and objective number.

Comment period:

May 19 – July 2, 2016

Comments must be received via email by 4:30 p.m. CHST on July 2, 2016.

Thank you for your input!