WE ALL NEED THE DD NETWORK!

The DD Network improves services for people with IDD! If you have a disability or know someone who does, the DD Network has supported you. Here are some key facts about the organizations that make up the DD Network to share with lawmakers.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCILS

Fund new and creative projects that improve the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)

Work with people who have disabilities to set goals that make state programs more helpful and inclusive for them and their families

Help people with disabilities speak up for themselves by building leadership skills and working together to solve problems that matter most to them

PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEMS

Speak up with and for people with IDD to protect their rights and push for better laws and policies

Give legal help to people with IDD and their families when their rights are not respected or when they need help understanding the legal system

Watch and inform laws and policies to make sure they support the rights of people with IDD

UNIVERSITY CENTERS FOR EXCELLENCE IN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Do research to share helpful information and resources with people who have IDD, their families, professionals, and leaders who make laws

Help communities by offering training, expert support, and sharing proven ways to improve care

Teach future doctors, researchers, and community leaders how to improve health and quality of life for people with IDD

