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Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council Elects New Chairperson

Baton Rouge, La. - The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council is pleased to announce that Sandra "Sam" Beech of Shreveport has been elected as the Council's Chairperson. Beech was elected at the Council's quarterly meeting held in July in Baton Rouge. She will officially take over as chairperson beginning in October and hold that term for two years.

"I'm very excited to be elected to this position and having the opportunity to take the Council to another level in systems change, capacity building and advocacy," said Beech. "The Council plays a vital role in helping to make changes within our state when it comes to the concerns of people with developmental disabilities."

The Council's efforts are designed to promote the increased self-determination, independence, productivity, integration and inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in their communities. The [Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council](http://www.laddc.org) is made up of people from every region of the state who are appointed by the governor to develop and implement a [five year plan](#) to address the needs of persons with developmental disabilities. For more information about the Council visit www.laddc.org or call 1-800-450-8108.

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