

## QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITIES

**GOAL**      **People have information, skills, opportunities and supports to live free of abuse, neglect, financial and sexual exploitation, and violations of their human and legal rights.**

Objective 1    Eighty-eight persons with developmental disabilities and family members will be trained to become effective public policy advocates.

Strategy 1.1    Continue Partners in Policymaking by awarding contracts for the Partners' Coordinator and Fiscal Agent.

Strategy 1.1.1      Solicit applications from potential participants and meet with selection committee by November 2001 to select new Partners.

Strategy 1.1.2      Conduct an annual evaluation of the Partners in Policymaking Program and modify the program as warranted, including referrals to other entities such as Self-Advocacy Chapters, PCMR regional teams, etc.

Approximate Cost:    \$80,000 for FFY 2002

Objective 2    A statewide self-advocacy organization will be established through collaboration with the Louisiana Self-Advocacy Project.

Strategy 2.1:    Develop and fund a solicitation of proposals to establish the statewide program.

Approximate Cost:    \$10,000 for FFY 2002

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Objective 3    One thousand people with disabilities will be supported and empowered to become self advocates.

Strategy 3.1:    Support people to participate in the Self-Advocacy movement in Louisiana through collaboration with the LA Self-Advocacy Project.

Strategy 3.1.1      Advocate for and help facilitate the appointment and participation of individuals with developmental

disabilities, especially those with cognitive disabilities, on state and regional boards and committees.

Strategy 3.1.2 Provide support for a statewide self-advocacy conference.

Strategy 3.1.3 Sponsor training for Council members and other organizations on supporting self-advocates in meetings.

Approximate Cost: \$20,000 for FFY 2002

Strategy 3.2 Financial support will be provided to the LA Youth Leadership Forum.

Approximate Cost: \$10,000 for FFY 2002 (LYLF).

Objective 4 The lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families will be enhanced by continuing a collaborative relationship through TRI\*ADD, the joint effort of the Council, the Advocacy Center, and the Human Development Center.

Strategy 4.1 Multiply the impact of the efforts of the three DD Programs by focusing and coordinating mutually agreed upon objectives.

Strategy 4.1.1 Promote efficiency and cost-effectiveness for the three programs through joint ventures such as producing and distributing a joint newsletter.

Approximate Cost: \$13,600 for FFY 2002.

**OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE OR OFFERED TO INDIVIDUALS IN A COMMUNITY, INCLUDING FORMAL AND INFORMAL COMMUNITY SUPPORTS THAT AFFECT THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE**

**GOAL** **Individuals have access to other services available or offered in a community, including formal and informal community supports that affect their quality of life.**

Objective 5 Two thousand individuals with developmental disabilities and their families

will receive individual and family supports through support of grassroots systemic advocacy.

Strategy 5.1 Continue to participate on the Community and Family Support System Task Force to oversee implementation of the plan.

Strategy 5.1.1 Work with the Community and Family Support System Task Force to determine legislative goals and implement legislative strategy.

Strategy 5.2 Continue to provide financial support to LaCAN for the expansion of the Community and Family Support System.

Strategy 5.2.1 Hold strategy meeting with LaCAN Leadership to select new team leaders where there are vacancies and update and implement member recruitment plan.

Strategy 5.2.2 Establish calendar of advocacy activity and develop fact sheets and cost figures.

Strategy 5.2.3 Enlist help of FHF and LaCAN leaders to sponsor and publicize regional trainings.

Strategy 5.2.4 Conduct and evaluate trainings.

Strategy 5.2.5 Provide ongoing staff support and assistance to LaCAN leaders and monitor their activities.

Strategy 5.2.6 Collaborate and coordinate LaCAN activities with other advocacy groups.

Approximate Cost: \$45,400 for FFY 2002

Objective 6 Reform of the long term care system and the implementation of the Olmstead decision will be advanced through advocacy, collaboration, coordination, and education of legislators, policy makers and other stakeholders.

Strategy 6.1 Participate in the development and implementation of a plan for Louisiana to comply with the Olmstead decision in collaboration

with other agencies.

Strategy 6.1.1 Participate in the development of performance indicators to monitor implementation of the plan.

Strategy 6.2 DD Council members will make presentations at regional conferences and forums.

Strategy 6.3 Members should market the Council by appearing on TV talk shows, etc. in their geographic areas.

Objective 7 Seventy-five thousand persons with developmental disabilities and their families will continue to obtain the information, training, and support they need through support to the Families Helping Families Resource Centers.

Strategy 7.1 Continue funding Families Helping Families at current FY '01 funding levels.

Strategy 7.1.1 Request \$1,000,000 in funding for FHF from the legislature.

Strategy 7.1.2 Lead a legislative and administrative advocacy effort to secure an appropriation to replace DD Council funding.

Strategy 7.1.3 Continue to fund a statewide Families Helping Families Coordinator position.

Strategy 7.1.4 Continue to contract to financially support stipends for persons with developmental disabilities and their family members to attend training conferences, meetings, events, and community memberships.

Approximate Cost: \$327,056 for Fiscal Year 2002

Objective 8    Twenty-seven thousand people with developmental disabilities and their families will continue to receive information on disability services and resources through the continued operation of the Disability Information Access Line (DIAL).

Strategy 8.1    Continue to provide services for the Baby Line and Child Net funded by the Maternal and Child Health Program and the LA Department of Education.

Strategy 8.1.1            Continue to update the DIAL data base.

Strategy 8.1.2            Make DIAL accessible to non-English speaking persons.

Strategy 8.1.3            Phase out the service of providing physician referrals to all medicaid recipients.

Strategy 8.1.4            Collaborate with the Governor’s Office of Disability Affairs in order to avoid duplication of effort with the internet resource data base.

Strategy 8.1.5            Make presentations at regional Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS), Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD), Office of Mental Health (OMH) and Office of Public Health (OPH) staff meetings to promote awareness of DIAL.

Strategy 8.1.6            Ensure that DIAL is listed on as many appropriate web sites and brochures as possible.

Objective 9    Forty children with developmental disabilities and their parents will receive training on assistive technology devices and services.

\_\_\_\_\_Strategy 9.1    Continue funding for the Assistive Technology Camp at current level.

Approximate Cost:    \$1,500 for FFY 2002

## HOUSING ACTIVITIES

**GOAL**        **Adults choose where and with whom they live.**

Objective 10   People with developmental disabilities will have access to 20 supported living providers that have been trained to provide high quality person-centered supports.

Strategy 10.1   Continue supporting the “Partnership for Excellence” Project.

Strategy 10.1.1     Support the Partnership for Excellence Project presenting at statewide conferences.

Strategy 10.2   Promote the existence, goals, principles and benefits of the Supported Living Network.

Strategy 10.2.1     Publicize the Supported Living Network in the Triangle.

Strategy 10.2.2     Advocate for a waiver provider certification process.

Approximate Cost:    \$90,000 for FFY 2002

Objective 11   Twenty persons with developmental disabilities will achieve home ownership through the sharing of knowledge and expertise developed through the Home of My Own Project.

Strategy 11.1   Encourage Home of My Own staff and participants to present at all OCDD Regional Forums and Statewide and regional conferences.

Objective 12   MR/DD Waiver rates will be increased by 20% as a result of Council advocacy efforts.

Strategy 12.1   Participate in advocacy activities for Waiver reform and expansion.

Strategy 12.2   Participate in groups working on Direct Support Personnel issues.

## HEALTH ACTIVITIES

**GOAL**        **People are healthy and benefit from the full range of needed health services.**

Objective 13   Health care for persons with developmental disabilities will become a priority in Louisiana as a result of the DD Council’s collaboration with at least 8 advocacy bodies, programs and projects.

Strategy 13.1   Participate in collaborative advocacy bodies, including but not limited to the Mental Health Planning Council, the LA Health Care Campaign, the Mental Health Reform Coalition, the Home Coalition, PCMR, the LA Consortium of Citizens with Disabilities the Advocacy Center and the University Center (HDC).

Strategy 13.2   Participate in collaborative programs and projects, including but not limited to Healthy and Ready to Work and the Medical Home Project.

Strategy 13.3   Seek out, identify and outreach to other health related systems like LaCHIP.

## EDUCATION AND EARLY INTERVENTION ACTIVITIES

**GOAL**        **Students reach their educational potential and infants and young children reach their developmental potential.**

Objective 14   Key decision-makers in one local school system and other stakeholders will increase their knowledge of the principles and benefits of inclusion.

Strategy 14.1   Contract with the St. Charles Parish School Board to develop a training academy based on the Michigan or similar model.

Strategy 14.1.1     Incorporate a “team” approach for training teachers, administrators, parents, and Families Helping Families staff.

Strategy 14.1.2     Collaborate with existing school reform initiatives.

Strategy 14.1.3     Monitor and evaluate the program’s effectiveness.

Approximate Cost: \$100,000 for FFY 2002

Objective 15 Information and technical assistance received by families will result in more inclusive educational opportunities for 500 children.

Strategy 15.1 The Council will develop desired outcomes for the Inclusive Education Family Facilitators.

Strategy 15.2 Projects will be monitored and evaluated annually.

Approximate Cost: \$60,000 for FFY 2001

Objective 16 The DD Council will be represented on 3 educational decision making bodies in order to represent the interests of students with developmental disabilities.

Strategy 16.1 Nominate a DD Council member to serve on the High School Re-Design Commission.

Strategy 16.2 Nominate a DD Council member to serve on any School Accountability Committees established.

Strategy 16.3 Request that the LA Department of Education sponsor two additional parent conferences in two other areas of the state.

Strategy 16.4 Nominate a DD Council representative to serve on the Transition Committee created by the Executive Order.

Strategy 16.5 The DD Council will be represented on the SICC.

Strategy 16.6 The DD Council will become involved in assessment, accountability, curriculum, graduation, and exit issues.

Strategy 16.7 The DD Council will establish a relationship with other related groups such as the LA Children's Cabinet.

Objective 17 The awareness of the 11 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education members will be heightened on the needs of students with developmental disabilities.

Strategy 17.1 Contract to develop and disseminate a survey on needs to parents and professionals.

Strategy 17.2 Develop an issue paper on the identified needs of students with developmental disabilities.

Strategy 17.3 Develop strategies on how the concerns identified in the survey/issue paper can be communicated and addressed by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and other policymakers.

Approximate Cost: \$10,000 for FFY 2002

## **EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES**

**GOAL**      **People get and keep employment consistent with their interests, abilities and needs.**

Objective 18 Five hundred families of adolescents with developmental disabilities will obtain information on service options for adults with developmental disabilities resulting in families having more opportunities to make informed choices.

Strategy 18.1 The Council will review outcomes for the STAR Facilitators developed by the Louisiana State Transition Project Family Work Team and request modifications if needed.

Strategy 18.2 Projects will be monitored and evaluated annually.

Approximate Cost: \$60,000 for FFY 2002

Objective 19 Sixty people with developmental disabilities currently being served by a state funded vocational program will realize more integrated, competitive employment opportunities.

Strategy 19.1 Contract with Arc-Baton Rouge on the conversion of a sheltered workshop to community integrated employment.

Strategy 19.1.1      Develop, in cooperation with OCDD, funding mechanisms and program strategies which provide an incentive for providers of sheltered workshops to move towards providing integrated employment opportunities to the people they serve.

Strategy 19.1.2      Educate parents and self advocates on the benefits

of diversified employment.

Strategy 19.1.3 Project will be monitored and evaluated annually.

Approximate Cost: \$40,000 for FFY 2002.

Objective 20 The interests of individuals with developmental disabilities will be addressed in the activities of the Workforce Commission and through participation on each of the 18 local Workforce Investment Boards (WIB).

Strategy 20.1 Advocate that each WIB includes a person with a disability.

Strategy 20.2 Encourage Council members or someone they know to become involved with their local WIB.

Strategy 20.2.1 Solicit Partners Graduates for participation on local WIB's.

Strategy 20.3 Nominate a DD Council member to sit on the Workforce Commission.

## **TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITIES**

**GOAL People have transportation services for work, school, medical, and personal needs.**

Objective 21 Transportation choices and opportunities for persons with disabilities will be expanded through the Council's assistance in the coordination of at least one transportation program in Louisiana.

Strategy 21.1 The Council will be represented on the Governor's Office of Disability Affairs Transportation Task Force.

Strategy 21.1.1 The Council will support efforts to expand transportation services and develop new transportation services in the state through collaboration with the Task Force.

## RECREATION ACTIVITIES

**GOAL**        **People benefit from inclusive recreational, leisure and social activities consistent with their interests and abilities.**

Objective 22   Nine hundred forty individuals with developmental disabilities will have opportunities to enjoy increased or enhanced recreational activities through Council collaborative efforts.

Strategy 22.1   The Council will be represented on the Louisiana Serve Commission.

Strategy 22.1.1    Advocate for the involvement of people with developmental disabilities in projects funded or supported by LA Serve.

Strategy 22.1.2    Facilitate the involvement of representatives of LA Serve in inclusive recreational opportunities for people with developmental disabilities.

Strategy 22.2   Collaborate with the Arc-Louisiana in increasing recreational opportunities for people with developmental disabilities.