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State Council on Developmental Disabilities

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The State Council is established by state and federal law, it is an independent agency.

The Council's job is to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and supports they need.

The Council believes

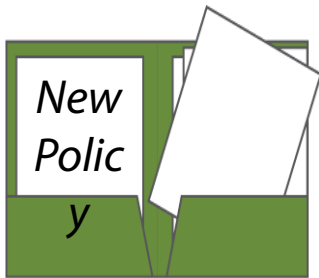


People with disabilities know best what supports and services they need to live independently and actively participate in their communities.

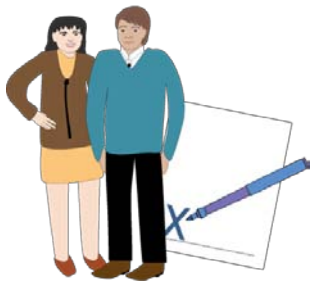
State Council Activities



Advocate for good laws.



Recommend policy changes.



Work to achieve a person-centered based system.

Self-Advocate Advisory Committee

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The Committee acts as a voice for Californians with disabilities.

Promoting State Council participation and peer advocacy to advance independence and inclusion.

Committee members are members of the State Council and appointed by the Governor.

Self-Advocate Advisory Committee Activities

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Advise the State Council on issues important to persons with developmental disabilities.

1

Help the Council set priorities and advocacy goals.

2

Give the State Council information about how the service system is working in our communities.

3

Give community, consumers and families information about issues important to persons with disabilities.

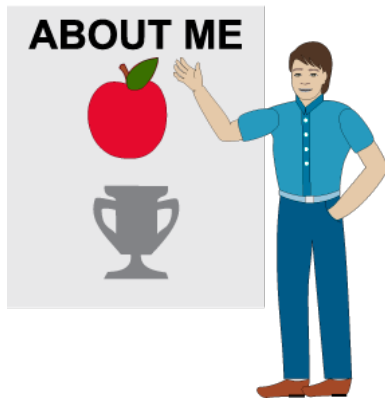
Self-Advocate Advisory Committee Priority

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Focus on State Council Plan Goal #1

Individuals with developmental disabilities have information, skills, opportunities and support to:



- Advocate for rights and services.
- Achieve self determination, independence, productivity, integration and inclusion in all community life.

Self-Advocate Advisory Committee Action Plan

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Committee members educate the community about the role and purpose of the State Council and Committee.

Members participate in -



- Statewide self-advocacy network
- Local self-advocacy groups
- Educate self-advocates at conferences
- Train self-advocates as peer trainers

Advocacy Strategy



Easy way to take charge, make plans and take thoughtful actions.

THINK

What is important to you

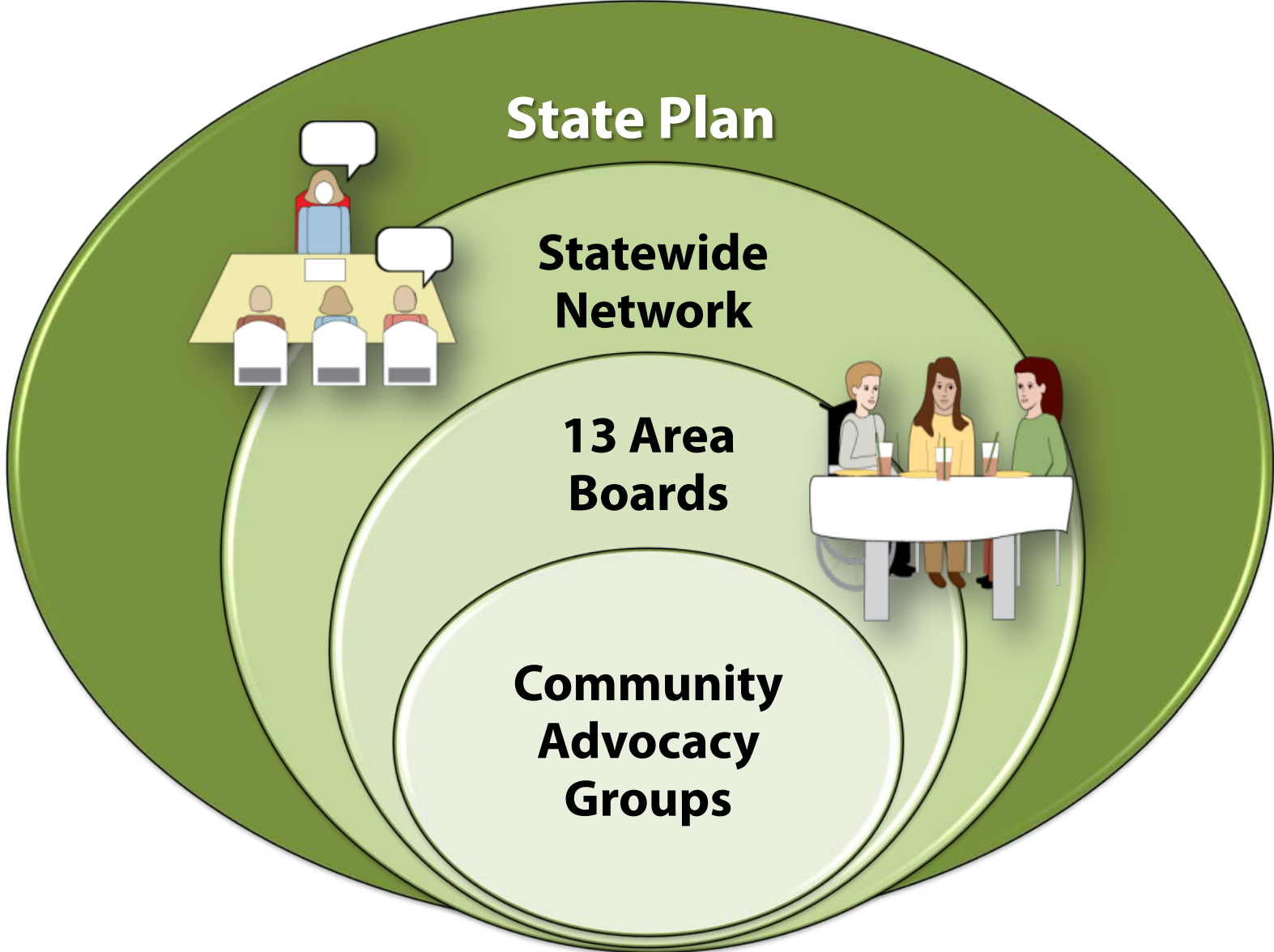
PLAN

Create a plan

DO

Take Action

Statewide Self-Advocacy Network



Self-Advocacy Network Vision



Build a statewide peer advocacy network that links advocates, communities, regions and statewide leadership.

- Increase representation
- Advocate regionally and statewide
- Personal and group leadership
- Outcomes that increase choice and futures

Self-Advocacy Network Plan



People with disabilities take the lead.



- Advocate with local, state and national policy-makers.
- Impact national, state and local policies.
- Measurable Outcomes!

Network Partners

Invited Partners

- ARCA
- DDS
- DRC
- PFCA
- SCDD
- CFILC
- UCEDD (3)

State Network Purpose

Region

State

Person



- Make multi-year statewide advocacy plans
- Address advocacy interests
- Leadership development
- Outcomes – real change!

Outreach and Communication

State



Network Online Newsletter

Newsletter highlighting successes, strategies, tools and stories.

Community
Outreach



Facebook

Facebook page to learn about activities



Conferences

Workshops and presentations at conferences

Online Resources



The screenshot shows the website for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. The header includes the logo 'CA .GOV', the text 'STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES', and a search bar. The navigation menu contains links for HOME, ABOUT US, COMMITTEES, AREA BOARD, TEST, and RESOURCES. The main content area features a blue-tinted image of a forest with a wavy orange ribbon graphic below it.

- Easy to use website
- Network Activities
- Easy to Use Materials
- Advocacy/Leadership Tools

Your Leadership



Join a Self-Advocacy Group.

Join a local Advisory Committee or Board.

How you can get involved!

Create your own leadership mission statement.

Make your plan and carry it out.

Discussion

What is important to you?



Would you like me to bring any ideas to our Committee?