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# In the beginning. . .

In the early 1960's President John F. Kennedy put forward a proposed legislative package that included objectives regarding intellectual disabilities.

This was the beginning of what we now refer to as the DD Act or the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000. Public Law 106-402.

# Programs included in the DD Act

Each state and territory has one each, also known as Network Partners:

- ▶ State Council on Developmental Disabilities

**In Washington:** Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council

- ▶ University Centers of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education Research, and Services (UCEDD's)

**In Washington:** University of Washington Center on Human Development and Disability

- ▶ Protection and Advocacy System (P&A)

**In Washington:** Disability Rights Washington (DRW)

# DD Act Partnerships



- ▶ Washington has taken it one step further to include Allies in Advocacy in the collaborations as the fourth partner. This organization is made up of people with disabilities.



# The Beginnings of the DD Council In Washington. . .

Executive Order 76-03 was signed by Governor Dan Evans on April 27, 1976.

This began the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council in Washington State.

Executive Order 16-10 issued by Governor Inslee October 26, 2016.

# Our Council Today

- ▶ 25 members
- ▶ Of which at least 60% must be
  - ▶ Persons with developmental disabilities
  - ▶ Parents, Guardians or Family members
- ▶ The remainder is
  - ▶ Mandated members from state government agencies specified in the DD Act.

Developmental Disabilities Council members are appointed by the Governor to advocate for comprehensive services for Washington's citizens with developmental disabilities.

# Our Main Focus in the DD Act

- ▶ Advocacy
- ▶ Systems Change
- ▶ Community Capacity Building

## Values

- ▶ Inclusion
- ▶ Integration
- ▶ Productivity
- ▶ Independence

This includes and is not limited to early services, education, jobs, transportation, technology, housing and community living.

# Things we do now as we have expanded and grown in our role within the DD Movement

- ▶ Self-Advocacy/Civil Rights
- ▶ Leadership training in the DD Movement
- ▶ Public Policy: laws and funding passed to support people
- ▶ Quality Assurance: people living safe and healthy lives integrated and included in their communities
- ▶ Building community services: sustaining the workforce
- ▶ Informing individuals and families about community supports and services
- ▶ Using technology to open new doors for people

# Building Collaborations and Coalitions. The DDC:

- ▶ Builds coalitions with constituent groups within the developmental disability community to promote more effective public advocacy.
- ▶ Tests new services and supports ideas by funding demonstration projects.
- ▶ Advises the Governor and members of the state Legislature regarding issues of concern for those with developmental disabilities.
- ▶ Negotiates with state agencies.
- ▶ Builds bridges between public and private sectors to provide better services.



**Thank you for listening!**

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