

2024 Community Survey

Analysis of results

Total Participants: 91 individuals



Are you familiar with the Arizona
Developmental Disabilities Planning Council?

81% - Yes

19% - No



Do you consider yourself to be a self-advocate?

40% - Yes

60% - No



In your opinion, how well does ADDPC serve Arizona?

3.3 / 5



Insight:

12 people marked "just okay" while
11 people marked "excellent"...

...and 5 people marked "not at all"

What We Discovered

- Caregiver support, housing, and employment were top of mind for our survey takers.
- While ADDPC is known for serving the I/DD community in certain circles, there's absolutely room for improvement.
- We must develop new relationships and partners to accomplish our goals.
- There's a need to leverage technology differently to reach our audiences.
- Our grants programs is not used to its full potential, with the majority of survey takers not aware we offered grants.

ADDPC: the next 5 years?

Rural Focus

“Outreach to smaller rural areas of Arizona to encourage community development and education to better support individuals and families.”

“Services in rural areas.”

“...rural support.”

“Advocate for more services/housing outside of Maricopa County.”

Access

“...testing centers and access at community colleges!”

“Trying to make/advocate for improving the systems for government/state assistance and resources more user friendly and easier to navigate.”

“Support for accessibility for individuals with hearing loss through captions on all communication platforms”

Social & Fun

“More resources for travel groups for persons with mental disabilities”

“Community connection activities. Whatever can conveniently bring very tired people together in a friendly environment where they can get to know people going through something close to what they are.”

ADDPC: the next 5 years?

Healthcare & Housing

"Crisis Services. Community-based services"

"Continue to work on system reform for folks in the intersection of DD and mental health"

"Safe housing"

"Affordable housing"

"Housing outside of Phoenix"

Advocacy Training

"Please bring back the Partners in Leadership program to Phoenix!"

"Classes"

DDD/Providers

"Adjust pay for members needing a higher level of care. It's difficult to find DCWs and services for members with higher needs."

"Working more with the families in giving choices, not dictating that you have this or that company to work with. Not forcing parents to choose between the welfare of their child and having to place them in a group home or not get services."

ADDPC: the next 5 years?

Healthy Relationships

“Getting sex education in schools for people with IDD!”

Self-Advocates

“Funding less research and more projects led by self-advocates.”

“Speak on Arizona Horizons on PBS and get the word out for those how are too afraid to speak up on their housing situations.”

Employment

“I'd love to see Employment First legislation...”

“Employment for I/DD persons”

“Helping IDD persons to work in the community that is not janitorial, or landscaping.”

“Making sure people know they can work! (stop the fear of losing benefits and help them see what they gain).”

Biggest

Challenges

YOU OR CAREGIVER EXPERIENCE



48% - Employment/VR

47% - Being Included in my community

45% - Making friends and having fun

44% - Finding services that respond to my unique needs

40% - Healthcare (mental, physical, dental, other)

Did you know ADDPC offers grants?

53% - No

46% - Yes



How easy was it for you to apply for an ADDPC grant?

2.5



Note*

Very small sample of 13 respondents



“I did not have enough time to complete the applications. I misunderstood some of the questions. The application it's so mirrors the Federal grant application, which makes it more difficult for a small businesses and nonprofits to understand and complete the application. For smaller grants like conference sponsorships, that require a match, excludes agencies that don't have cash on hand order new companies that don't have cash at all. The video about completing the application was helpful but I feel the application itself is exclusionary.”

“Very cumbersome and confusing application process”

“Availability for rural small programs without city resources”

“The application is outdated. There should be a question and answer box just like this. It takes a lot of time to have to retype the questions asked and then add answers.”

“It was the hardest grant I've ever applied for. I think using Google Forms or something similar would really help applicants to simplify the process. I know it's a federal grant so it will be harder but the form will be the same for everyone and save time.”

Key Takeaway?

**There's room for
✨ Improvement ✨**