

Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

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Advocacy Philosophy

FOCUS: Alignment with three primary State Plan
Goal areas: *Self-Advocacy; Integrated
Employment; and Empowerment Through
Information.*

FOCUS: Communication about needs of citizens in
the developmentally disabled community.

FOCUS: Availability for resource and education
support.

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Meeting Outcomes

1. Delivery of Az. Planning Council packets; additional research copies as needed.
2. Discussion of the three target foci areas with each elected official.
3. Receipt of commitment/interest/family impact of developmental disabilities.
4. Invitation to remain in close contact on key ideas.

Service Highlights & Activities

- Continuous legislative visits.
- Outreach and partnership with other advocates.
- Attendance at committee meetings and hearings.
- Production of Fact Sheet with real time updates – LOLA and other tools.

Initial Completed Meetings

Mr. John Kavanaugh – Chair– House of Representatives – Appropriations Committee

Ms. Debbie Lesko – Majority Whip – House of Representatives

Ms. Kate Brophy-McGee – Member – House of Representatives Health and Human Services Standing Committee

Ms. Leah Landrum Taylor– Senator – Assistant Minority Leader – Member – Education Accountability and Reform Committee

Additional Completed Meetings

Sen. Nancy Barto – Chair – Health/Med Reform

Sen. Andy Biggs – Majority Leader – Appropriations Committee Member – [New Senate President 2013 Session]

Rep. Chad Campbell – Minority Leader – Appropriations Committee

Rep. Heather Carter – V. Chair – Health/Human Services

Sen. Adam Driggs – V.Chair Human Services Committee; [incoming Whip 2013 Session.]

Rep. Karen Fann – V.Chair – Environment – Small Business Owner

Rep. Sally Ann Gonzales – Member – Health/Human Services Committee

Rep. Rick Gray – V. Chair – Commerce Committee –

Rep. Katie Hobbs – Member – Health/Human Services Committee

Rep. Eric Meyer – Member – Education Committee

Sen. Rick Murphy –V. Chair – Health/Med Reform

Rep. Steve Montenegro – Speaker Pro Tempore; Government Transparency

Rep. Debbie McCune Davis – Member – Commerce, Insurance and Retirement Committees

Additional Completed Meetings

Sen. Michele Reagan – Member – Economic Development and Jobs Creation Committee

Rep. Justin Pierce – Health/Human Services Member

Sen. Steve Pierce – Outgoing Senate President

Rep. Kim Yee – Health/Human Services Member

Speaker Andy Tobin – Speaker of the House

Rep. Anna Tovar – Minority Whip – Member Appropriations Committee and Education Committee

Additional Completed Meetings

Rep. Jeff Dial – Chair – Workforce and Higher Education Committee

Sen. Don Shooter – Chair – Appropriations Committee

Rep. Bruce Wheeler – Member Fiscal Responsibility Committee

Rep. Victoria Steele – Member Health/Transportation Committees

Rep. Doug Coleman – Member Workforce and Higher Education Committee

Rep. Phil Lovas – Member Health Committee

Rep. Jonathan Larkin – Member Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

Rep. Carl Seel – Member Reform & Health Services Committee

Rep. Paul Boyer – Member Appropriations & Education Committees; Vice Chair of Health Committee

Rep. Doris Goodale – Member of the House Education Committee

Rep. Thomas Forese – (completed by phone)

Additional Completed Meetings

Rep. Sally Gonzales – Member of the Health and Reform & Human Services Committee

Rep. Macario Saldate – Member of the Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee

Rep. Ethan Orr – Member of the Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee

Rep. Juan Mendez – Member of the Reform & Human Services Committee

Additional Partner Meetings

Ms. Laura Bistrow – Director of Special Education, Paradise Valley Unified School District # 69

Dr. Milissa Sakos – Director of Special Services/Grants – Scottsdale Unified School District

Mr. John Muir – Scottsdale Unified School District Facilities Department

Ms. Dana Neimark – CEO, Children's Action Alliance

Ms. Jamie Snyder – Administrator – Long Term Care

Public Policy Commission – Arizona Ecumenical Council

ACES School On Site Field Trips

Name of School: Austin Center for Exceptional Students (ACES)

Owner's Name: Francie Austin

Campus Location: Peoria, Tempe, Avondale

Target Services: Emotionally Disabled, Autistic and other students with special behavioral needs

Restraints/Seclusion Rooms: Specialized spaces for distressed students (Sensory Room, Animal Therapy, etc). Staff specially and intensively trained in safe restraint techniques. Very high staff to student ratio. Extensive documentation.

Trends

- Openness, attention to the needs of the Developmentally Disabled.
- Open to learning about the Planning Council.
- Willingness to partner on all types of issues.
- Inquiry on interests about introducing and/or amending legislation; appreciation for commitment to future activities.

Report Format – Updates

Seeking any further direction and recommendations for meaningful reporting to the Council.

Project Recap Overview

Launch: October 16, 2012

Service Timeline: Continuous through 2013 Session.

Deliverables: Outreach, sustained relationships, education.

Demographic Data

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