

Government Relations Action Plan 2014-2015

Thank you for the opportunity to once again work with the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council for the 2014-2015 Legislative cycle. We look forward to continuing to build strong and effective partnerships on behalf of the Arizona citizens with developmental disabilities and the elected officials of Arizona. Our activities for this upcoming fall 2014 and in preparation and service to the Az DD Planning Council for the spring of 2015 Legislative session include, but are not limited to:

September – October 2014

1. Legislative leaders review – Legislative Committee Assignment Review (projected).
2. Outreach to all Senate/House support staff for calendar and appointment parameters.
3. Analysis of Government Relations Action Plan with Traaen & Associates, LLC team for scheduling of future appointments with elected officials (initial meetings prior to the holidays)

November - December 2014

1. Design/modification(s) of Weekly Legislative Update Report.
2. Preliminary outreach to local community partners including, but not limited to potential employers of the DD community (i.e., school districts; charter schools; city/county/state government human resources professional networks; chambers of commerce; First Nation representatives for community programs; Human Services Campus (Dental Care project solutions); Arizona Small Business Association; state University Human Resources Departments; others).
3. Provision of support/input to the Planning Council team for finalization of educational materials that will be used for ongoing legislative appointments.

January 2015 – June 2015

1. Weekly Legislative appointments per availability and introduced legislative issues. Direct follow-up with legislative contacts from the 2013/14 session in which specific legislators indicated an interest in advancing issues where input from the AzDDPC would be valued on an ongoing basis. Face to face meetings with as many of the 90 elected officials including both members of the Arizona House of Representatives and the Arizona Senate as is possible based upon the scheduling availability of each member. As an alternate strategy we will meet with designated staff and policy advocates working with and for these elected officials. Appointments based upon introduced legislative issues, requests for information from AzDDPC projects, caucus scheduled events, ability to serve as facilitator(s) for bringing project details to the attention of specific committees and legislative work groups.
2. Weekly follow up to the AzDDPC team with specific individual legislative questions/requests. Provision of Weekly Legislative Update Reports throughout the 2015 Session. This includes design, authorship and preparation of the Weekly Legislative Update produced each week during the Arizona Legislative Session. This weekly report begins the first week of the Legislative Session and continues through the end of the session. Each weekly report contains an overview of every bill identified as having any level of impact on the citizens of Arizona with developmental disabilities as well as their family and nuclear support systems.
3. Provide prepared materials/video/educational information to each elected official throughout the Legislative session. Attend follow-up meetings to answer questions/research responses via the Az DD Planning Council team as requested by elected members of the Arizona State Legislature.
4. Attend ongoing legislative hearings, committee meetings, special topic meetings, task force events as needed throughout the Legislative session.
5. Provision of support at ongoing Planning Council events as requested/scheduled around Arizona throughout the Legislative session. Prepare and present legislative update reviews for the Az DD Planning Council quarterly meetings. Collaborate with the Az DD Planning Council staff in providing advance notice of meetings/task force events/community outreach to potential new partners throughout the State of Arizona whose work does and will impact the citizens of Arizona with developmental

disabilities. This will include private sector, public sector and not for profit organizations as well as K-12 and post-secondary education systems.

6. Facilitation of follow-up appointments for the Executive Director as legislative committee work is underway and expert testimony is requested or deemed beneficial concerning specific legislative discussions.
7. Attendance at Planning Council sponsored events as requested by the Az DD Planning Council team.
8. Attendance at community events that will provide enhanced information sharing regarding the needs of Arizona's citizens with developmental disabilities (i.e., Arizona Small Business Association; Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce; Arizona Chamber of Commerce; etc.)
9. Preparation of a year-end legislative report highlighting trends in legislative bills and future efforts that will be designed through next levels of future legislation that intend to enhance the lives of those with developmental disabilities as well as their families.

July 2015 – September 2015

1. Analysis of 2015 Legislative session actions, activities and limitations.
2. Participation in 2015-2016 Legislative Planning sessions as deemed appropriate by the Planning Council staff and team.
3. Revision of Weekly Legislative Update; introduction of new/additional concepts for use in one to one meetings with elected officials, legislative study sessions and focus groups.