

Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
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Advocacy Philosophy

FOCUS: Alignment with the 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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Project Recap Overview

Launch: October 2015

Service Timeline: Continuous through 2016 Session.

Deliverables: Sustained relationships, education, updates on initiatives; weekly Legislative reporting/updates.

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Meeting Overview

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.

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Trends

- Readiness to schedule and meet one to one; if not available access to key policy advisors working in both the House and Senate.
- Sincere interest in how constituents, parents, grandparents can access the work of the Planning Council.
- Inquiry on interests about introducing and/or amending legislation; appreciation for commitment to future activities.

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Governor's Budget Proposal

- \$30 M – JTED – Grants/Proposals
- \$15M/\$15M – 2 years of funding – school repairs
- \$8 M – In state student costs
- No \$ for Community Colleges
- \$134 M – 18 months for DCS
- \$ 6.4 M– Child care subsidies
- \$17.6 M – 1000 New private prison beds
- \$1.6 M new community correction center
- \$31.5 M – Border Strike Force

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Highlights Thus Far

Minority Caucus Meeting – Native American and Arizona JTED programs – key impact on many Arizona youth not desiring traditional college educations.

- 14 networks of school districts (i.e., EVIT)**
- Career and technical programs
- \$30 Million dollars in cuts next year
- Proposal to infuse this amount; programs will have to compete
- More than 98,000 students are enrolled

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Bill Monitoring

Over 35 Bills thus far under review

Vast array of topics

Early to determine what will and will not be heard in Committees

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Highlights thus Far

*** Rep. J. Allen introducing the ABLE Act Legislation for Arizona – stakeholders meeting**

- Seeking to pass it this year
- Local way to save monies
- No need for extra audit function(s) as the IRS regulations will control this.
- Seeking one time appropriation to run this project – \$ 240,000.00
- Question: interest earnings; additional funds to run the program, etc.

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Highlights thus Far

- Individual elected officials asking to receive the Council Weekly Legislative Update.
- Problem solving in terms of ABLE Act ideas and questions.
- Interest in having constituents serve on the Planning Council.
- Invitations to future speaking events.

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**EVIT Details

EVIT – most popular of JTED Programs

- Business management/administrative services
- Culinary Arts
- Nursing Services
- Law, public safety and security
- Bioscience

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