Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

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Project Recap Overview – 4th Year

Launch: October 2015

Service Timeline: Continuous through 2016 Session.

Deliverables: Establishment/ sustained relationships, education on developmental disability issues, updates on initiatives/concerns.

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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 with developmental disabilities in all Arizona communities.

FOCUS: Availability for resource and education support.

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Meeting Outcomes

1. Delivery/review of Az. Planning Council packets with 90 state elected officials; additional research copies as needed.

2. **Discussion focus**: ABLE Act details; *Untapped Arizona*; service on the Planning Council.

3. Discussion of commitment/interest/family impact of developmental disabilities.

4. Invitation to remain in close contact on key ideas.

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Completed Legislative Meetings

Since October 20, 2015

House of Representatives - Meetings have been held with 46 of the 60 elected officials/staff teams.

Arizona Senate - Meetings have been held with 18 of the 30 elected officials/staff teams.

Additional Scheduling Underway

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2016 Session Activities

Weekly Legislative Reporting - On-line.

Attendance at all Hearings and Meetings on proposed Legislation.

On-going and follow-up meetings with elected officials to respond to inquiries.

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Additional Federal Partnerships

Az. Office of Representative - R. Grijalva
Az. Office of Representative- K. Sinema
Az. Office of Representative - D. Schweikert
Az. Office of Representative - M. Salmon
Az Office of Representative - T. Franks
Az. Office of Representative - M. McSally
Az. Office of Senator - J. McCain
Az. Office of Senator - J. Flake

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Trends

- Openness, very marked interest in the needs of citizens with developmental disabilities.
- Open to learning about the continuous work of 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.

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