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**The Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) names Jon Meyers new**

**Executive Director**

(Feb. 1, 2022) The Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council is proud to announce that on March 7<sup>th</sup>, Jon Meyers will begin his tenure as the Executive Director of the ADDPC. Since 2013, Meyers has served as the Executive Director of The Arc of Arizona and prior to that he held executive positions with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Ronald McDonald House Charities. Along with his extensive experience, Meyers brings a deep passion for the rights of individuals who have an intellectual or developmental disability and is well positioned to help further the mission of the ADDPC.

“We are fortunate to have someone of Meyers’ caliber and experience step up to lead the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. He is a strong communicator who is consumer focused with deep leadership capabilities. Furthermore, he has a solid understanding of our 5-year plan and he already has a vast network in the disability community in Arizona”, said Planning Council chair Melissa Van Hook.

Meyers will be responsible for the day-to-day operations for the Planning Council. The ADDPC remains committed to developing and supporting capacity building and systemic change to increase inclusion and involvement of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in their communities through the promotion of self- independence, and dignity.

For more information about the Council’s goals and efforts around Arizona, visit the Council online at <https://addpc.az.gov/about>

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**About the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council**

*We serve as Arizona’s innovation lab for residents with developmental disabilities along with their families, providing education, advocacy, research, and support to projects that accomplish our three current goals: increasing employment opportunities, encouraging individuals to advocate for themselves and creating inclusive communities for everyone.*

*A staff of six assists the all-volunteer Council, which is made up of individuals with disabilities, family members, professional stakeholders and state agency representatives appointed by the Governor of Arizona. Visit us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)*