Mission

To improve the quality of life for Mississippians with developmental disabilities

About the Council

The Mississippi Council on Developmental Disabilities promotes:
- Advocacy, systems change, and capacity building activities
- Area of emphasis grants and mini-grant projects
- Interagency collaboration and coordination
- Community outreach, training, and support
- Policymaker and public information

MSCDD is a Governor-appointed board. Membership is composed of 60% or more of persons with developmental disabilities, parents or guardians, and family member advocates. The Council membership also includes required government representatives from public and private support and service organizations such as: Department of Rehabilitation Services, Department of Education, Department of Human Services, Division of Medicaid, Department of Public Health, Protection and Advocacy System (Disability Rights Mississippi), University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (University of Southern Mississippi Institute for Disability Studies), non-governmental agencies, and private non-profit groups.

Serve on the Council  If you are a person with a developmental disability, parent, guardian, or family member advocate and wish to be considered for Council membership, please call the office or visit the website for an application.