



Utah Developmental Disabilities Council
 Executive Director Summary Report
 December 6, 2023, Council Meeting

Area of Responsibility	Activity	Status	Comment
Goal 1: Health and Safety	Healthy Bodies and Relationships	Update	The UDDC contracted with the Institute for Disability Research, Policy & Practice to conduct a statewide needs assessment to ascertain current training and resources available to adults with disabilities and their families related to abuse, neglect, relationships, and sexuality. IDRPP is finalizing a report and will share the data in early December.
Goal 1: Health and Safety	Healthy Bodies and Relationships	New	UDDC was awarded \$10,000 from the Utah Parent Center to support curriculum development. The funds will be used to create a training program to address social, emotional, and sexual health. The training will consider the information collected by the IDRPP to ensure that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have information and resources to recognize and prevent interpersonal abuse.
Goal 2: Transportation	Transportation Study	Update	The UDDC launched a transportation access survey in late October of 2023. To date, 193 people have responded representative of over 50 zip codes! So far common places most difficult to travel to are recreation opportunities like trails, parks, shopping malls, and shopping centers. Also, services and

			locations in other towns. About half of respondents to date stated there are no affordable transportation options in their area. Many rural respondents stated that their community is not accessible or safe for pedestrians. Staff will close the survey in early January and analyze the information. The data will be used to create recommendations for improvements in transportation opportunities for Utahns with disabilities.
Goal 3: Leadership and Advocacy	Legislative Engagement	New	Staff and Council members are meeting with members of the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee and the Executive Appropriations Committee to increase awareness and educate lawmakers about home and community-based services. Meetings to date: Representatives Lesser, Ward, Walter; Senators Balderree and Kennedy.
Goal 4: Community Access and Supports	Supporting Caregivers		<p>UDDC staff are working with the Utah State Developmental Center to identify training and support for direct-care staff. The information gained will be used to create best practices and inform a strategy to advance the direct-care workforce in Utah.</p> <p>The Family Caregiving Collaborative (led by the University of Utah) was invited last month to the first-ever Caregiver Nation Summit in Washington D.C. to advance the agenda of the national caregiver strategy. Representatives from the aging, disability, and health communities participated with 6 other states to develop advocacy strategies to better serve family caregivers at the state level and meet with congressional offices to support family caregivers. UDDC staff member Mary Urie attended to represent</p>

			<p>the Council and the I/DD community.</p> <p>Staff submitted an opinion piece to the Salt Lake Tribune about the national caregiver strategy and Family Caregiver Plan during Family Caregiver Month.</p>
Goal 4: Community Access and Supports	End the Wait, Utah!	Update	<p>UDDC is drafting a report to share with lawmakers about the progress made over the past 5 years. In 2018 the Division of Services for People with Disabilities presented a waitlist report to the Utah Legislature. Since that time disability stakeholders have worked to implement the recommendations. UDDC staff are using the updated report about the waiting list and service system capacity to educate lawmakers about the value of home and community-based services and the need to increase resources and capacity for long-term supports and services.</p>
Goal 4: Community Access and Supports	Transforming and Improving Practices (TIP) grants	Update	<p>Funding the three Transforming and Improving Practices (TIP) grants was scheduled for May 2023. There were delays in contracting, however, all three grants will be initiated by the first week of December. The grants will help service providers improve employment outcomes for the people they serve.</p>
Goal 4: Community Access and Supports	Art Ability Scholarship	Update	<p>UDDC has a partnership with Craft Lake City to provide financial and mentor support for one artisan with a disability to participate in the Winter Marker. UDDC also co-hosted an Application Assistance Night in Odgen. Eleven artisans attended the event to get support in completing their Winter Market application, access to a professional photographer to create a visual portfolio and marketing mentorship, all free of charge.</p>
Operations and	Council Funding	Update	<p>In October 2023, DD Councils received \$87,860</p>

<p>Personnel</p>			<p>toward FFY 2024 (the current federal fiscal year) anticipated award (\$632,000.) Many federally funded programs are operating on limited funding until Congress approves a federal budget. The President signed a continuing resolution before Thanksgiving that will give Congress more time to agree on a budget. They are expected to vote on the Health and Human Services appropriations in early February 2024. UDDC has funds available to continue to operate as planned.</p>
<p>Common Acronyms and Abbreviations</p>	<p>ACL – Administration for Community Living, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services ALPS – Advocacy, Leadership, and Policy Success Program DD Act – Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 DETAC – Disability Employment Technical Assistance Center DLC – Disability Law Center DSAMH – Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health DSPD - Division of Services for People with Disabilities GOMB – Governor’s Office of Management and Budget IDRPP – Utah State University Institute for Disability Research, Policy and Practice LEA – Local Education Agency NACDD - National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities UCEDD – University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities UDDC - Utah Developmental Disabilities Council UDOH – Utah Department of Health UPC – Utah Parent Center USILC - Utah Statewide Independent Living Council UTA – Utah Transit Authority VR – Vocational Rehabilitation</p>		