



Utah Developmental Disabilities Council
 Executive Director Summary Report
 March 5, 2024, Council Meeting

Area of Responsibility	Activity	Status	Comment
Goal 1: Health and Safety	Healthy Bodies and Relationships	Update	UDDC was awarded funding from the Utah Parent Center to develop a training program to address social, emotional, and sexual health and to ensure that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have information and resources to recognize and prevent interpersonal abuse. UDDC began training young adults and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities about healthy relationships and sexuality in January. So far, 5 adults and 8 young adults have completed the 8-week course.
Goal 2: Transportation	Transportation Study	Update	The UDDC closed the transportation access survey in late January of 2024. One hundred and ninety-five people responded to the survey. Staff are analyzing the information. The data will be used to create recommendations for improvements in transportation opportunities for Utahns with disabilities. UDDC plans to share the data report with the Utah Department of Transportation in March to guide statewide improvements.
Goal 3: Leadership and Advocacy	Legislative Engagement	Update	UDDC and its partners hosted many opportunities for training and stakeholder engagement in this

			legislative session. There were four legislative training events and UDDC-led sessions were attended by 179 people. Trainees were active in contacting lawmakers and providing public comment as a result of participating in these events.
Goal 3: Leadership and Advocacy	Statewide Self-Advocacy Organization	New	UDDC has been selected to host an AmeriCorps VISTA this year. The VISTA will be a full-time employee paid for and under the management of the AmeriCorps program. This person will be hired to help develop a model for the People First of Utah statewide self-advocacy organization. Applications will be available beginning in April and the incumbent will begin the assignment on June 3, 2024.
Goal 3: Leadership and Advocacy	Leadership and Advocacy Conference	New	The Division of Services for People with Disabilities has selected the UDDC to plan and host a leadership conference this summer. The conference “Building Together” will bring together self-advocates, family members, community service providers, and support coordinators. The focus will be on self-determination and person-centered practices and how they can be improved with collaboration and partnership. The event will take place on June 10-11, 2024 at the Zion’s Bank building in Midvale, UT.
Goal 4: Community Access and Supports	Art Ability Scholarship	Update	UDDC has a partnership with Craft Lake City to provide financial and mentor support for one artisan with a disability to participate in the ArtAbility Scholarship. This scholarship benefits local makers with disabilities who aspire to use their passion, skills, and talents to build a small business as an artisan or elevate the voices of those within the community. There is an Application Assistance Day at the Salt Lake Public Library Main Branch on March 19th from 4-8 pm. This FREE event is for anyone who

			may need any assistance or any business owners who could use some product photos as this event is free to the public.
Operations and Personnel	Council Funding	Update	UDDC requested \$200,000 in ongoing funds from the Utah Legislature. The Social Service Appropriations Subcommittee included the Council’s request in the prioritized list shared with the Executive Appropriations Committee, which ultimately decided whether or not the request would be funded.
Common Acronyms and Abbreviations	<p>ACL – Administration for Community Living, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services</p> <p>ALPS – Advocacy, Leadership, and Policy Success Program</p> <p>DD Act – Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000</p> <p>DETAC – Disability Employment Technical Assistance Center</p> <p>DLC – Disability Law Center</p> <p>DSAMH – Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health</p> <p>DSPD - Division of Services for People with Disabilities</p> <p>GOMB – Governor’s Office of Management and Budget</p> <p>IDRPP – Utah State University Institute for Disability Research, Policy and Practice</p> <p>LEA – Local Education Agency</p> <p>NACDD - National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities</p> <p>UCEDD – University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities</p> <p>UDDC - Utah Developmental Disabilities Council</p> <p>UDOH – Utah Department of Health</p> <p>UPC – Utah Parent Center</p> <p>USILC - Utah Statewide Independent Living Council</p> <p>UTA – Utah Transit Authority</p> <p>VR – Vocational Rehabilitation</p>		