**District of Columbia
Developmental Disabilities Council**

**2010-11 Survey**

**Mission:** The Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council of the District of Columbia seeks to strengthen the voice of people with developmental disabilities and their families in DC in support of greater independence, inclusion, empowerment and the pursuit of life as they choose. We strive to create change that eliminates discrimination and removes barriers to full inclusion through our advocacy.

**Developmental Disability:** Defined as a severe and lasting mental and/or physical impairment that occurs prior to age 22. A developmental disability is likely to continue indefinitely and results in substantial limitations in three or more of the following major life activities: self-care; speaking; understanding language; learning; mobility; ability to make decisions; financial independence, and/or ability to function without individually planned and coordinated services.

**Survey’s Purpose:** The DD Council consists of parents and self-advocates with developmental disabilities. We are responsible for identifying the most pressing needs within our community. We do this by asking you some simple questions. The DD Council uses your feedback and comments to develop priorities for the next 5 years from 2012 to 2016 to provide better supports and services for individuals with developmental disabilities in our community. Please help us by providing responses to the following questions.

**Age Range (please mark one):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_22 years or younger

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_23 – 35

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_36 – 45

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_46 – 55

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_56 years or older

**Are you (mark all that apply)?**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_An individual with a developmental disability

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Parent

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Other Family Member

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Significant Other / Friend

**Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_\_Male \_\_\_\_\_\_Female

**What ward or zip code do you live in?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Prioritizing Goals**

In developing the DD Council’s 5 Year Plan and its goals, an important step is identifying priority areas. Below is a list of nine (9) priority areas under consideration. Please rank all of the priority areas with 1 through 9 in accordance to their level of importance to you. **(1 – Most Important; 9 – Least Important)**

 \_\_\_\_\_Self-Advocacy and Self Determination

 \_\_\_\_\_Employment

 \_\_\_\_\_Child care and Respite Care

 \_\_\_\_\_Health Education

 \_\_\_\_\_Education and Early Intervention

 \_\_\_\_\_Housing

 \_\_\_\_\_Transportation

 \_\_\_\_\_Recreation

 \_\_\_\_\_Other Formal and Informal Community Supports

Are there other priority areas not listed above that the DD Council should focus on? Recommendations are welcomed.

**Questions on Services**

Are you currently receiving services? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If yes, from where are you receiving those services?

List any services that worked or were helpful to you and/or your family member.

List any services that did not work or were not helpful to you and/or your family member.

What are the challenges and barriers are getting in the way of living the life that you and/or your family member want?

What services need to exist in order for you and/or your family member to experience the greatest extent of independence, integration, and inclusion within the community?

***Optional Questions***

***What is your (or your family member’s) disability?***

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Intellectual Disability

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Cerebral Palsy

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Autism

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Deaf

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Blind

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Multiple Disabilities

Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***What is your ethnicity?***

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_African American/Black

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Caucasian/White

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Latino

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Asian / Pacific Islander

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Native American

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Multiple Ethnicities

Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

To learn more about the DC DD Council, please feel free to contact Mat McCollough, Executive Director, at (202) 727-6744 or email mathew.mccollough@dc.gov.

*THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP AND TIME!!! ☺*