

National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities



CHAMPIONS OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

2009 Annual Report



March, 2010

Dear Friends,

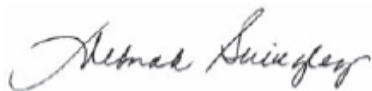
2009 was a busy and productive year for NACDD. We'd like to recap some of our Association's activities:

- NACDD relocated to the District of Columbia and in a co-location with other disability organizations.
- Van Scoyoc and Associates was hired to assist with our public policy/government relations work.
- Councils received a \$1.8 million increase in our federal appropriation for FY 2009 and a \$750,000 increase for FY 2010. This is the third consecutive year of funding increases, following four years of declines or level funding (2004-2007).
- Over 100 Council representatives participated in the 2009 Disability Policy Seminar.
- Our strategic plan was passed unanimously by the membership in June.
- The Council was reestablished in Arizona and is now up and running; Hawaii's Council has rejoined the Association as a dues-paying member.
- We said goodbye to some members of a hardworking Board of Directors and hello to newly elected Board Membership.
- Our by-laws were revised and adopted by the membership and organizational policies were written and adopted by the Board to help us function more effectively as an Association.
- Our budget was simplified and financial policies have been clarified and streamlined.
- Another outstanding Technical Assistance Institute was held last summer and numerous Councils received TA through our federal contract.
- By all accounts, an excellent Annual Conference was held this past fall in New Mexico.

As we embark on 2010, challenges lie ahead for our Association and its member Councils. Foremost on the list is the reauthorization of the Developmental Disabilities Rights Act (DD Act). Let's hope action occurs during the coming congressional session. State Councils need to be prepared to make our case for the changes we would like to see made to the Developmental Disabilities Act.

We want to acknowledge and thank the Teams, Committees and staff for their work on behalf of NACDD. We especially want to thank member Councils for the important work they do to that makes profound and lasting improvements in the lives of our friends, neighbors and fellow community members with developmental disabilities.

We thank you for your continued engagement and support during an eventful 2009, and wish you all the best in 2010, which marks the 40th anniversary of the creation of Councils through the DD Act. This year we will honor our past and shape our future as champions of equal opportunity.



Deborah Swingley
President



Michael Brogioli
Chief Executive Officer

Councils on Developmental Disabilities

Councils on Developmental Disabilities are located in every State and Territory. They represent a Federal-State partnership in developing futures for and with people with developmental disabilities and their families. Councils are governed by volunteers who are appointed by state Governors. More than 60% of these volunteers must be people with developmental disabilities or family members. Councils are charged by Federal law to identify the most pressing needs of people with developmental disabilities in their State or Territory and develop innovative and cost effective ways to meet the needs in a manner that upholds the human and civil value of people with developmental disabilities. Councils work to promote the independence and productivity of people with developmental disabilities and promote systems change that will eliminate obvious inequities in areas such as employment, education, and access to healthcare. Councils work to create a community where people with developmental disabilities are naturally included and where they can enjoy the same civil liberties and quality of life as everyone else.

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Public Policy

NACDD assists Councils with their role as advocates for systems change by educating the public and Congress about issues of importance to people with developmental disabilities and their families and by working with other disability organizations that have a similar vision to achieve common goals.

Appropriations

In an effort to garner support for an increase in for State DD Councils, NACDD staff and government relations consultants worked with members of Congress to circulate a “Dear Colleague” letter in the House asking colleagues to support an increase in funding for State Councils on Developmental Disabilities. Fourteen members of the House signed onto the letter:

Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)
Rep. Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU)
Rep. Anh Cao (R-LA)
Rep. Russ Carnahan (D-MO)
Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT)
Rep. Mary Jo Kilroy (D-OH)
Rep. James Langevin (D-RI)

Rep. Ben Luján (D-NM)
Rep. Charlie Melancon (D-LA)
Rep. Michael H. Michaud (D-ME)
Rep. Dennis Moore (D-KS)
Rep. Jerry Moran (R-KS)
Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ)
Rep. Don Young (R-AK)

State and Territorial Councils received \$75.066 million in FY 2010, \$750,000 over the Fiscal 2009 level. This is the third consecutive year of funding increases, following four years of declines or level funding (2004-2007).

Healthcare Reform

NACDD continues to work in collaboration with other disability organizations, including: The Disability Policy Collaborative (DPC) and the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) to make sure provisions protecting the rights and improving the care of individuals with disabilities are included in healthcare reform. Below are provisions we are advocating for.

The Community Living Assistance Services and Supports Act

(CLASS) Act would create a national, voluntary disability insurance program under which: (1) all employees are automatically enrolled, but are allowed to waive enrollment; (2) payroll deductions pay monthly premiums; and (3) two-tiered benefits are provided, based on the level of disability, to purchase nonmedical services and supports that the beneficiary needs to maintain independence.

Community Choice Act

The Community Choice Act would provide individuals with disabilities in nursing homes and other institutional settings with options to a community-based benefit within Medicaid. The legislation would amend Medicaid to require state Medicaid plan coverage of community-based attendant services and supports for certain Medicaid-eligible individuals. State would receive an enhanced federal matching rate for meeting certain benchmarks and for serving people whose costs exceed 150 percent of average nursing home costs.

Community First Choice Option

Community First Choice Option would create Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) alternatives to nursing home care for disabled individuals who are eligible for Medicaid.

Working in Coalitions to benefit people with Developmental Disabilities

NACDD worked with numerous partners and coalitions to achieve shared goals to improve programs and policies that benefit people with developmental disabilities and their families:

Alliance for Full Participation

AFP is a formal partnership of leading organizations serving the developmental disabilities field that share a common vision: To help create better and more fulfilling lives for people with developmental disabilities. NACDD is a founding partner. State Councils on DD continue to be an active part of AFP leading many AFP state teams.

Alliance to Prevent Restraint, Aversive Interventions and Seclusion (APRAIS):

NACDD is a member of the Alliance to Prevent Restraint, Aversive Interventions and Seclusion. APRAIS consists of eighteen national organizations, and was established in 2004 by leading education, research and advocacy organizations to protect children with significant disabilities from abuse in schools, treatment programs and residential facilities. APRAIS worked diligently on legislation to protect all children in schools from misuse of restraint and seclusion. As a result, in December 2009, The Preventing Harmful Restraint and Seclusion in Schools Act, HR 4247, was introduced by Representative George Miller (D-CA), Chair of the Education and Labor Committee, and Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA). Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT), Chair of the Subcommittee on Children and Families of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, introduced companion legislation in the Senate, S 2860.

Collaboration to Promote Self Determination (CPSD)

CPSD was founded in 2007 and is committed to leading and implementing a campaign focused on ensuring that every adult age 18 and older living with intellectual, developmental and cognitive disabilities has the opportunity to lead an independent life. 15 national disabilities organizations are members including NACDD. Currently, NACDD is working with CPSD on an initiative creating a state-based Employment First demonstration project. This project is designed to stimulate the use of Employment First practices at the state level with the goal of placing individuals into employer-paid jobs integrated within the general workforce at competitive wages and commensurate benefits. NACDD has been working to ensure that those DD councils that want to participate in the state-based demonstration program could, and would be eligible for the funding pool created by the program if it were included in federal legislation.

Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD)

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities is a Coalition of national consumer, advocacy, provider and professional organizations headquartered in Washington, D.C. Since 1973, the CCD has advocated on behalf of people of all ages with physical and mental disabilities and their families. CCD has worked to achieve federal legislation and regulations that assure that the 54 million children and adults with disabilities are fully integrated into the mainstream of society. Mike Brogioli will continue to co-chair the DD Task Force and NACDD will participate in the Employment and Autism Task Forces

Easter Seals -Family Support Training Grant

NACDD has partnered with Easter Seals as a grant subcontractor and will provide recruitment and dissemination support to identify and engage participants Family Support Training. NACDD will use its networks to disseminate marketing information to its membership about the project and its events for the duration of the 12 month grant. The Family Support Training Project is a grant provided by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities' Projects of National Significance. This national-scope project seeks to address the challenge of empowering family members and their children with developmental disabilities through training, information sharing, program and system navigation, and leadership development. These efforts will help family members be more informed about local resources, be empowered to take on leadership roles, and contribute to systems change efforts.

2009 Disability Policy Seminar (DPS)

NACCD continues to collaborate with The Arc, UCP, American Association on Intellectual and Developmental (AAIDD), SABE and the Association of University Centers on Disabilities to host a Disability Policy Seminar. Over 100 Council representatives participated in the Seminar to learn about issues affecting people with developmental disabilities including housing, employment, social security, Medicaid, autism and budget issues. Council leaders met with Members of Congress and their staff to advocate for increased support for policies that benefit people with developmental disabilities.

Technical Assistance

ITACC (Information and Technical Assistance for Councils on Developmental Disabilities) is a federally funded technical assistance project. Section 129(b) of PL 106-402 provides that funding be made available to provide technical assistance to entities funded under the DD Act (PL 106-402). The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities receives the award to provide these services. ITACC is the entity providing technical assistance to Councils on Developmental Disabilities.

The work of Councils is meaningful, demanding and technically specific. The 2009 Technical Assistance Contract, provided many opportunities for Councils and their stakeholders to making lasting contributions to the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Councils were supported through the provision of a variety of services, supports and products, which were individualized to meet unique and diverse needs. During 2009, a total of 19 Councils requested formal Technical Assistance (TA) Plans. The majority of TA Plan activities and services, 74% were delivered by ITACC, while the remaining 24% were facilitated by non-ITACC staff members. The types of TA supports, resources and services received by Councils included the following:

- MTARS Preparation
- Chairperson Training
- General Operations
- Council Member Education and Training
- Fiscal and Audit
- Grant Development
- Retreat Facilitation
- Program Performance Report Assistance (fiscal, data collection)

Rapid Response

ITACC during 2009 received a total of 110 requests for Rapid Response. TA staff respond to council requests for information and resources within 48 hours.

Teleconference and Web Conferences

Teleconference and web conferences were also facilitated by ITACC during this reporting period. Four teleconferences/web conferences were held, the topics included: Economic Issues and the Impact on Councils and Program Performance Reports. A total of 76 participants were involved in these programs with 24 states represented.

Executive Director Orientation and Leadership Academy

New Executive Director Orientation and Leadership Academy was developed and implemented during July, 2009. The training was designed to give new Executive Directors information and education on all aspects of Council business. Seasoned Council Executive Directors and staff from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities as well as ITACC staff conducted the training. A manual was developed for use during the training.

DD Suite

DD Suite Hands-on training was provided during the 2009 TA Institute. Current users were supplied an internet connection and DD Suite development staff was on site to answer navigation and software questions. Participants offered ITACC invaluable information specifically related to the following: 1) the benefits of the training; 2) how to improve the training process; and 3) the identification of venues that would better support this effort in the future.

Information Dissemination

Information dissemination was accomplished in a variety of ways. The ITACC website was the primary location for all resources and products. A message was posted on the Yahoo! listserv and the ITACC listserv notifying people when new resources were posted. As a result of the Technical Assistance Plan requested by Oregon, Succession Planning tools and resources were provided to all Council Executive Directors and/or staff attending the 2009 Technical Assistance Institute. A plan to expand ITACC listserv traffic was developed in January, 2009. Council staff and members continue to use the Yahoo! listserv as the primary tool to post and gather peer-to-peer information quickly. During this reporting period, a total of 954 postings were issued on the Yahoo! and ITACC listserves; this represents a 61% increase of over FY 2008.

TA Institute

A total of 138 people attended the 2009 TA Institute held in Arlington, VA on July 27-28. The theme for the Institute was Shared Commitment – Shared Results. Keynote sessions featured Arthur T. Himmelman on Collaboration Strategies and Lee Vorderer and Graham Mulholland on System Change. All 2009 Technical Assistance Institute proceedings were posted on the ITACC web-site.

Collaboration

A Developing approaches to Collaboration among the Developmental Disabilities Network national meeting was held May 21-22, 2009 in Washington, DC to demonstrate and model collaboration techniques and strategies. The meeting's topic was Transition for Youth to Community Life. An ITACC Specialist provided on-site support and facilitated a discussion surrounding issues regarding the funding of transition endeavors and a discussion of funding related to transition. As a result of this meeting, a white paper was developed and posted on the ITACC web-site shortly after.

Member Services

NACDD provides services to member Councils to assist in their efforts to promote the interests and rights of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, and to inform policymakers, fellow Councils and the public at large about these efforts.

Website

The website provides information about upcoming national events, links to valuable resources for Councils and for people with developmental disabilities, contact information for Councils, including links to their websites, as well as links to the ITACC website. Members Only section of the website offers resource material specifically for Council use, including a calendar of meetings, reports to the membership and past issues of NACDD's public policy newsletter. In the beginning of FY 2010 NACDD began the process of redeveloping the current website. A vendor has been chosen and work continues to create an improved website that will be more user-friendly, disability accessible, have a modern feel, and use a content management system that will allow content to be updated frequently by NACDD staff.

NACDD Newsletter

"NACDD News" is a monthly e-newsletter that aims to keep Member Councils abreast of what is happening at NACDD, including meetings that staff and those affiliated with NACDD attend, Technical Assistance updates, and State Council news.

Quarterly Topical Teleconferences

Telling Our Story, Making a Case for What Councils Do

This teleconference addressed what councils are doing to communicate and market their work; specific techniques that member councils used that have been effective; and how NACDD can assist councils in developing their message. Speakers included: Katie Weyforth Vanlandingham, Director of Government Relations, Van Scoyoc Associates and NACDD Government Relations Consultant; Armetta Parker, Vice President, Marketing and Communications, United Cerebral Palsy; Tom Driscoll, Strategic Planning &

Marketing Manager, Virginia Board for People with Disabilities; and Jennifer Harrison, Investment Manager, Illinois Council on DD.

Lobbying vs. Advocacy

This topical teleconference addressed the role of advocacy in policy making, including lobbying activities, and ways that NACDD and member Councils can effectively and legally engage in advocacy. Speakers addressed the legal limitations as well as opportunities regarding lobbying activities, both for NACDD as a national 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, and member Councils which are federally-funded entities affiliated with state governments. Speakers included: April Carson, Legislative Advisor and Counsel, Alliance for Justice; Ed Long, Ph.D, Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates Inc.; and Jane Rhys, Ph.D, Executive Director, Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Annual Conference



NACDD's 2009 Annual Conference, "Rising to the Challenge," was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on October 29-30, 2009. Over two hundred attendees participated in sessions on employment, self-advocacy and system rebalancing. Keynote speakers included: Julie Petty, Self Advocate/Partners for Inclusive Communities; William Kiernan, Director of the Institute for Community Inclusion and Research, University of Massachusetts, Boston; John Agosta, Vice President, Human Services Research Institute; and Polly Arango, Co-Founder, Family Voices. The 2009 Tecla Jaskulski Award was presented to Jan Newsom, Immediate Past Chair, Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILS ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009
WITH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 2008

ASSETS

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 325,933	\$ 275,390
Investments (Note 2)	2,778	2,778
Accounts receivable	62,751	60,035
Employee loan receivable	-	1,980
Prepaid expenses	<u>3,523</u>	<u>77,491</u>
Total current assets	<u>394,985</u>	<u>417,674</u>
FIXED ASSETS		
Furniture and equipment	14,853	14,853
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(12,599)</u>	<u>(10,332)</u>
Net fixed assets	<u>2,254</u>	<u>4,521</u>
OTHER ASSETS - Deposits	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 397,239</u>	<u>\$ 424,695</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 25,772	\$ 5,039
Accrued salaries and related benefits	14,747	17,530
Deferred income:		
Membership	104,507	153,027
Conference	<u>19,558</u>	<u>32,838</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>164,584</u>	<u>208,434</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	225,508	212,032
Temporarily restricted (Note 3)	<u>7,147</u>	<u>4,229</u>
Total net assets	<u>232,655</u>	<u>216,261</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 397,239</u>	<u>\$ 424,695</u>



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
Washington, D.C.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) as of September 30, 2009, and the related statements of activities and change in net assets, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of NACDD's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The prior year summarized comparative information has been derived from NACDD's financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2008 and, in our report dated January 27, 2009, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of NACDD as of September 30, 2009, and its change in net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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February 11, 2009

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