

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT

In accordance with federal (P.L. 106-402) and state (Chapter 333E, HRS) laws the Council is responsible to engage in advocacy, capacity-building, and systemic change activities that contributes to a coordinated, consumer and family-centered and consumer and family directed, comprehensive system that includes needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

The Council prepares the State Plan for individuals with developmental disabilities; coordinates services and programs of the departments and private agencies; monitors, evaluates, and comments upon the implementation plans of public and private agencies relating to individuals with developmental disabilities; monitors ongoing projects related to developmental disabilities of public and private agencies; participates in planning and monitoring state quality assurance systems that affect persons with developmental disabilities; and serves as the advocate for the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and fulfills other responsibilities that are specified by law.

The Council carries out its responsibilities through policy development, implementation and analysis; researching and promoting new approaches and best practices to services and supports; educating and informing policymakers and the public about developmental disabilities; developing and supporting coalitions; fostering interagency collaboration and coordination; providing training in leadership development and legislative advocacy; and eliminating barriers and enhancing design and redesign of systems.