



Maine Developmental  
Disabilities Council

# Five-Year State Plan

**2017-2021**

*(Approved draft)*

**Public Input**

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## **GOAL 1**

*MDDC will engage in advocacy, capacity building, and systems change activities that support individuals with developmental disabilities, families, and communities to have increased choices, opportunities, and self-determination.*

*Comments/suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_*

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### **Objective 1.1**

MDDC will collaborate with DD Network Partners to increase the civic engagement of individuals with developmental disabilities and family members.

Activities include, but are not limited to, supporting self-advocacy and the efforts of the Supported Decision Making Coalition.

*Comments/suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_*

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### **Objective 1.2**

MDDC will support diverse Maine communities to increase capacity to be fully inclusive of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Activities include, but are not limited to, Civil Rights Team Projects, Inclusion Essay Contest, and the Small Grants Program.

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**Objective 1.3**

MDDC will support the statewide self-advocacy organization to increase its effectiveness as an independent not-for-profit.

Activities include, but are not limited to, helping people develop personal leadership and advocacy skills, supporting self-advocates to increasing their understanding of and participation in policymaking, and expanding membership in self advocacy, including underserved populations.

*Comments/suggestions:* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Objective 1.4**

MDDC will partner with individuals with developmental disabilities, families, and communities to broaden the reach and increase the effectiveness of advocacy.

Activities include, but are not limited to, helping individuals and families evaluate quality of services, supporting family advocacy, supporting self-advocates to contribute to their communities, and increasing DSP competencies.

*Comments/suggestions:* \_\_\_\_\_

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**GOAL 2**

***MDDC will engage in advocacy, capacity building, and systems change activities that support individuals with developmental disabilities and families to have greater access to their communities.***

*Comments/suggestions:* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Objective 2.1**

MDDC will improve integration of services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities and families.

Activities include, but are not limited to, early intervention and education, DD health home and related healthcare coordination, post-secondary transitions (including entry into employment and needed community supports), and aging and DD.

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**Objective 2.2**

MDDC will support efforts to improve quality of services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities and families.

Activities include, but are not limited to, National Core Indicators (NCI) surveys; efforts to reduce restraint and seclusion; monitoring and advocating for laws, rules and policy that support the needs of individuals with DD and families; collaboration to develop and support high quality policy; addressing DD in corrections, and improving direct support and effectiveness of transition.

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**Objective 2.3**

MDDC will support efforts to expand access to all aspects of community life for individuals with developmental disabilities and families.

Activities include, but are not limited to, areas such as advocating for proficiency based diplomas for individuals w/ DD to have real lives, and addressing employment, housing, and transportation.

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**Objective 2.4**

MDDC will increase access to information and services for underserved persons and families in targeted rural communities.

Activities include but are not limited to targeted outreach and planning and implementation grants.

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