

# California State Council on Developmental Disabilities

## History and Mission

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Administration on  
Intellectual and  
Developmental  
Disabilities



State Council on Developmental Disabilities



Administration for  
Community Living



**People with  
developmental  
disabilities haven't  
always had the same  
protections, freedoms, supports,  
and services that we see and  
respect today.**

# Federal Timeline on Developmental Disability-Related Legislation

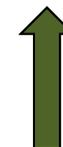
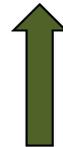
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1963**



**Developmentally  
Disabled  
Assistance and  
Bill of Rights Act**



**Extended and  
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Americans  
with  
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**1963**



# Federal Timeline on Developmental Disability-Related Legislation

## Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Amendments of 1970



**1970**



# Federal Timeline on Developmental Disability-Related Legislation

## Developmentally Disabled Assistance and Bill of Rights Act



**1975**

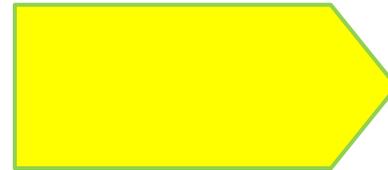


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**Federal Americans  
with Disabilities Act  
(ADA)**



**1990**



# Federal Timeline on Developmental Disability-Related Legislation

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# California Timeline on Developmental Disability-Related Legislation

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**AB  
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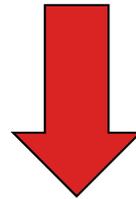
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## Lanterman Act



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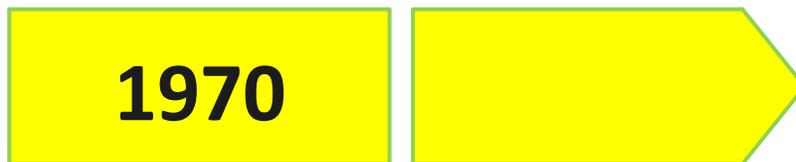
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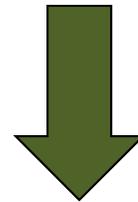


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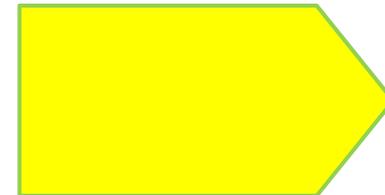


# California Timeline on Developmental Disability-Related Legislation

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CA state definition of a  
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**1975**



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**AB 1595**



**2014**





**The Federal DD Act**  
**vs.**  
**The Lanterman Act**

# Definitions of 'Developmental Disabilities'



**Broad**



**Narrow**

# **Developmental Disability:**



**Severe, chronic disability**

**Starts before age 22 and is likely to continue  
indefinitely...**

**It may involve one or more  
intellectual or physical disabilities  
or a combination of both.**

# **Developmental Disability (Cont.):**

**Or – a condition from birth to age 9  
(which, with no services, is likely to result in  
significant disability later in life)**



## **Limitations in 3 or more areas:**

- **Self-care (activities of daily living)**
- **Communication (expressive/receptive)**
- **Learning, remembering and problem-solving**
- **Mobility**
- **Self-direction**
- **Ability to live independently**
- **Economically self-supporting, or**
- **Needs supports and specialized services**



# Lanterman Act

## Developmental Disability:

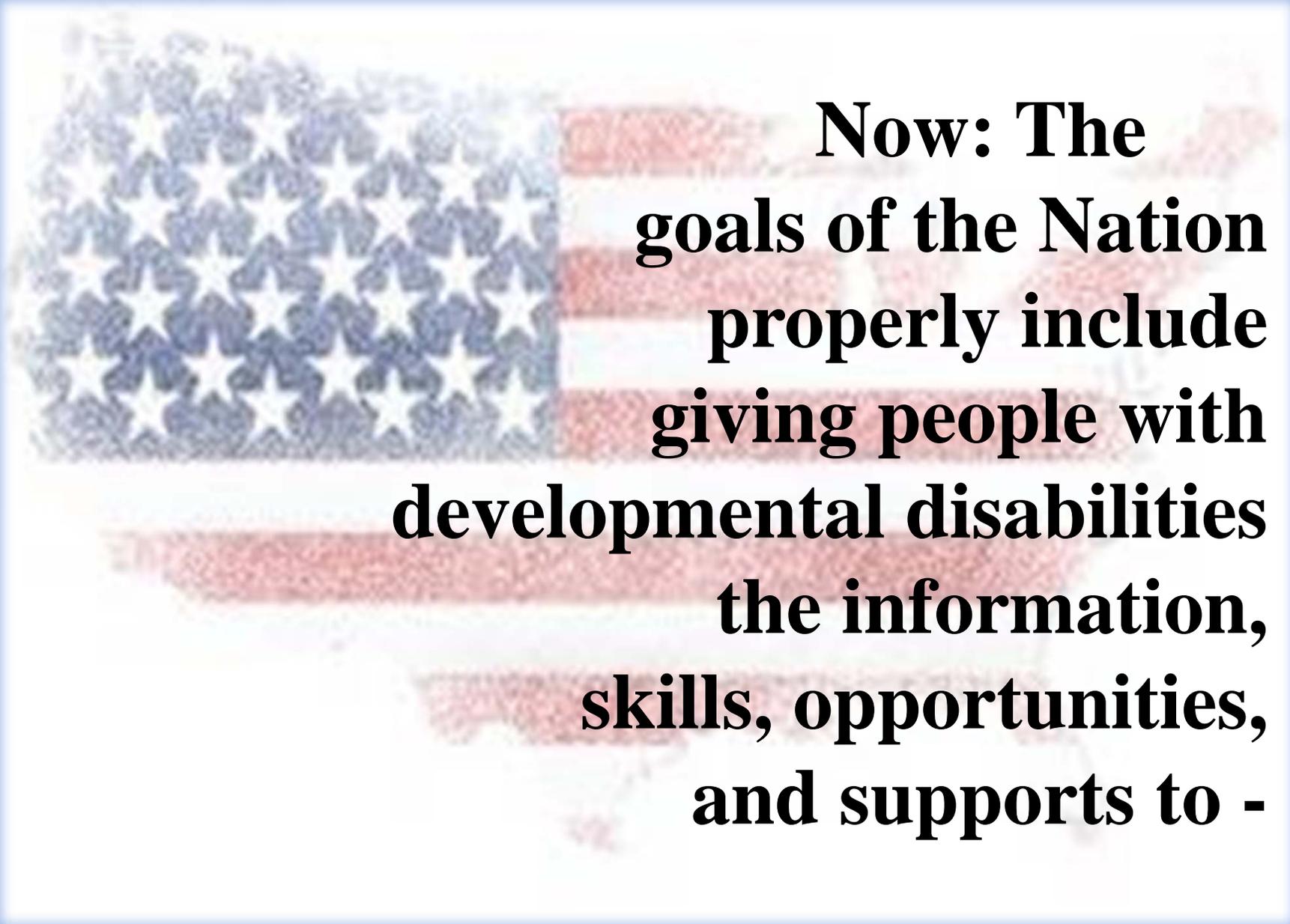
Significant, but not just physical

- Occurs *before* the age of 18
- Intellectual Disability
  - Cerebral Palsy
  - Epilepsy
  - Autism
- Other Conditions



# Definitions of Specific Personal Rights





**Now: The  
goals of the Nation  
properly include  
giving people with  
developmental disabilities  
the information,  
skills, opportunities,  
and supports to -**

**Live in homes and communities in which they can exercise full rights and responsibilities as citizens;**



I agree



I disagree



**Make informed choices  
and decisions about  
their lives...**



**Pursue meaningful and  
productive lives...**



**Contribute to their  
families, communities,  
States, and the Nation...**

**Overcome**

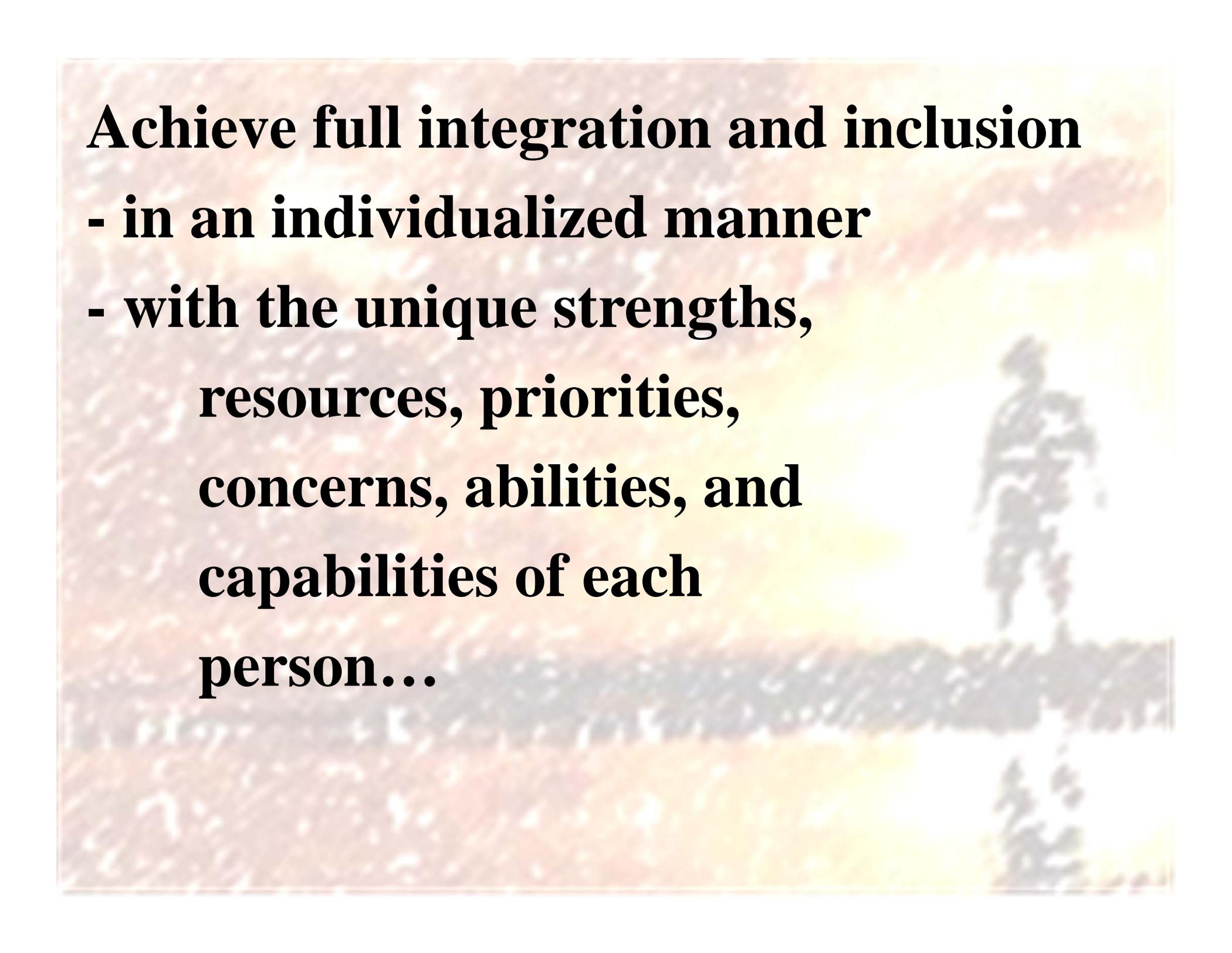
*o-ver-come* v. - To deal with with  
successfully; prevail over;  
surmount.

**Have friendships and relationships  
with other persons**



**Live free of abuse, neglect, financial and sexual harm, and violations of legal and human rights...**





**Achieve full integration and inclusion**

**- in an individualized manner**

**- with the unique strengths,**

**resources, priorities,**

**concerns, abilities, and**

**capabilities of each**

**person...**



“ A healthy relationship  
will never require you  
to sacrifice your  
friends, your dreams,  
or your dignity.”

(Mandy Hale)

**The Lanterman Act  
provides some different,  
more specific protections  
to people with  
developmental  
disabilities:**





**A right to free, appropriate, public education, regardless of disability**

**A right to be free from harm, unnecessary physical restraint, isolation, too much medication, abuse, neglect, or hazardous procedures**



**A right to  
prompt  
medical care  
and  
treatment**

**A right to dignity, privacy,  
and humane care. When possible,  
treatment, services and supports  
shall be provided in natural  
community settings.**



**The right to a  
prompt  
investigation  
of any alleged  
abuse**





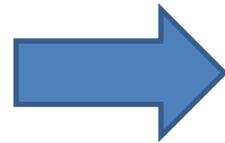
# A right to religious freedom and practice



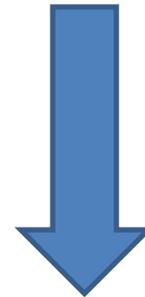
**The Federal DD Act authorizes the funding of 56 Councils in the United States and its territories...**



**Federal DD  
Act**



ADMINISTRATION ON  
INTELLECTUAL AND  
DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES



**NACDD**

National Association of Councils  
on Developmental Disabilities

**All 56 Councils on  
Developmental Disabilities  
answer to and are funded by the  
federal Administration on  
Intellectual and Developmental  
Disabilities (AIDD).**



ADMINISTRATION ON  
INTELLECTUAL AND  
DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES

**Every Council must work on  
advocacy, capacity-building, and  
systemic change activities**





Silicon Valley-Monterey Bay

North Valley Hills

Sequoia

Bay Area

Central Coast

North Bay

Los Angeles

Sacramento

Orange County

North State

San

Bernardino

North Coast

San

Diego

Imperial



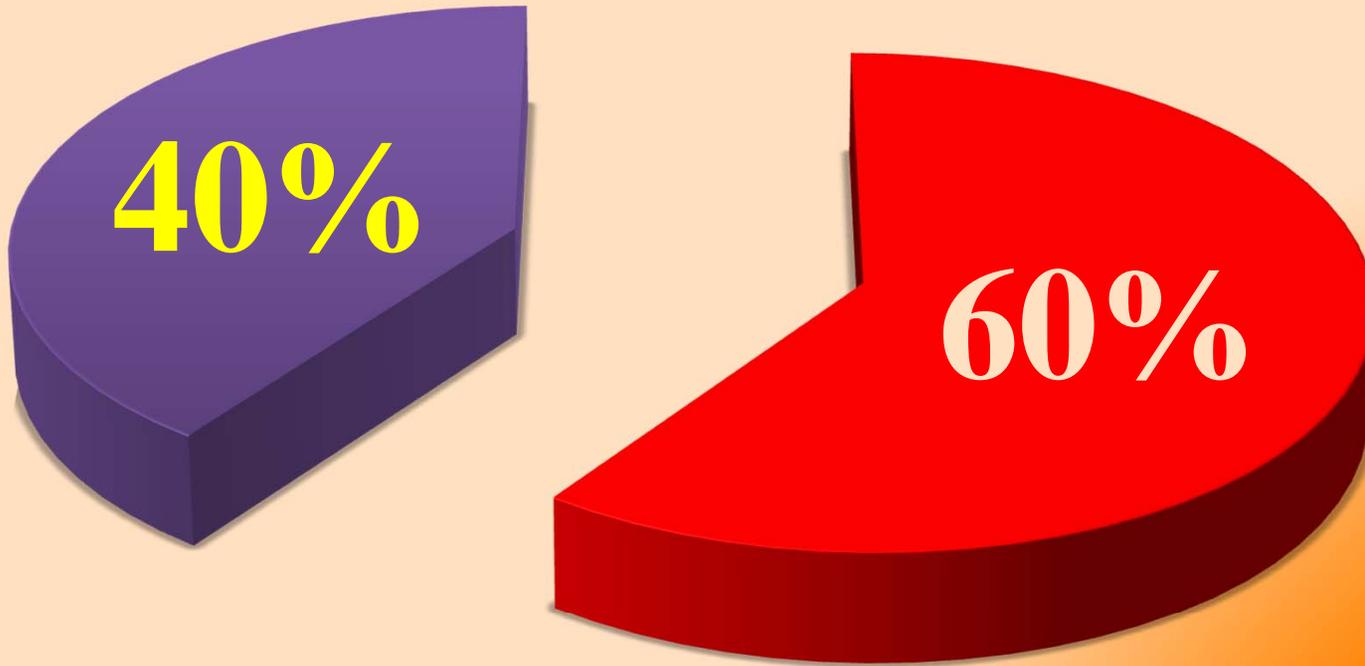
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**The Federal DD Act identifies  
the people who should be a part  
of the Council**



**...to make changes.**

# Council Membership

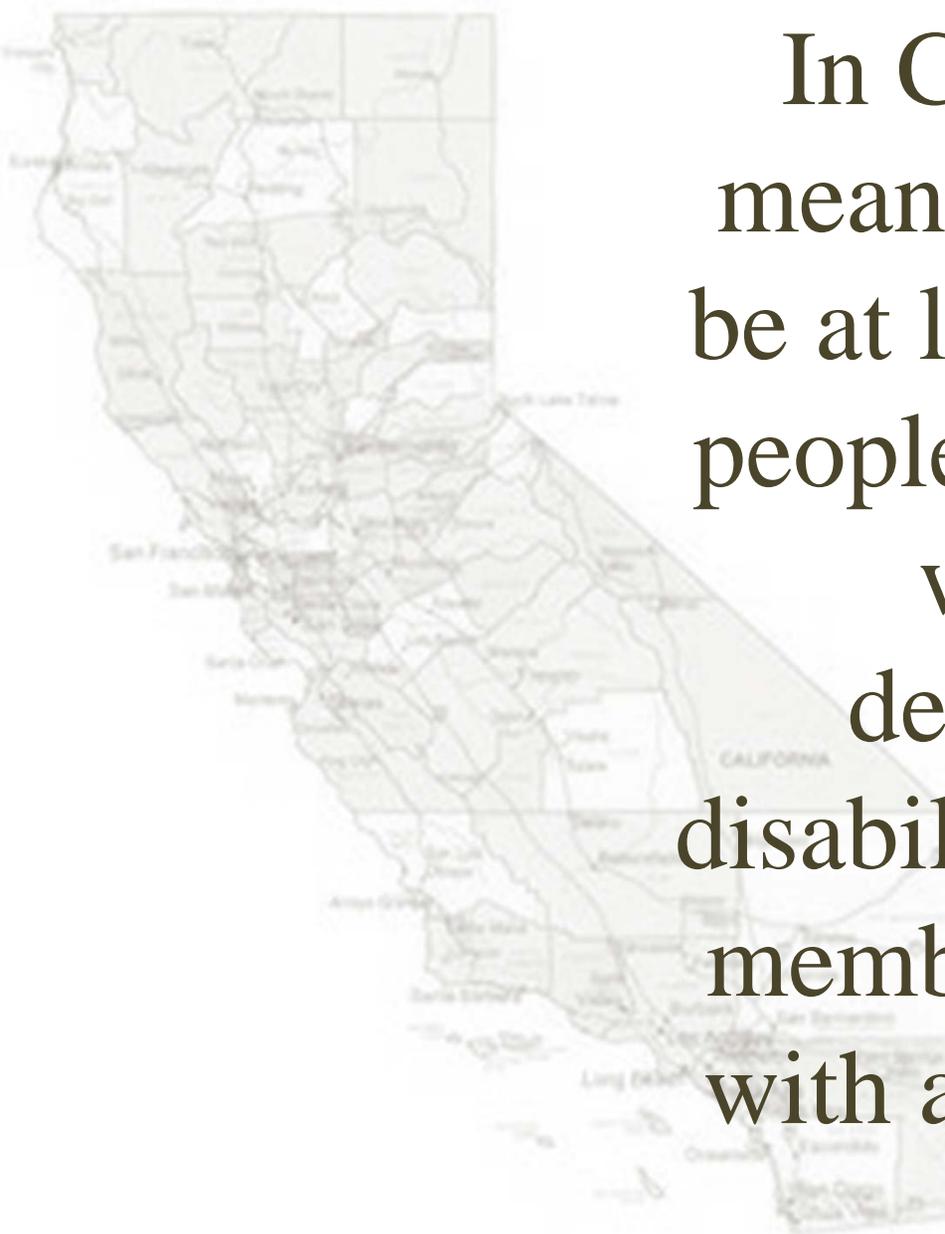


■ People with developmental disabilities or their family members

■ Others

**Self-Advocates and/or their family members represent 60% of every Council.**

**They make sure that the voices, opinions, and needs of people with developmental disabilities are heard and respected.**



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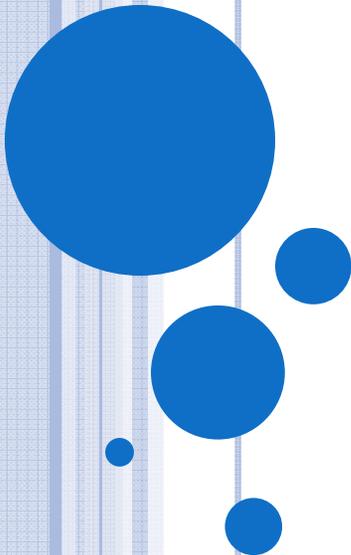
In California, that means that there will be at least twenty (20) people on the Council who have a developmental disability or are family members of someone with a developmental disability.



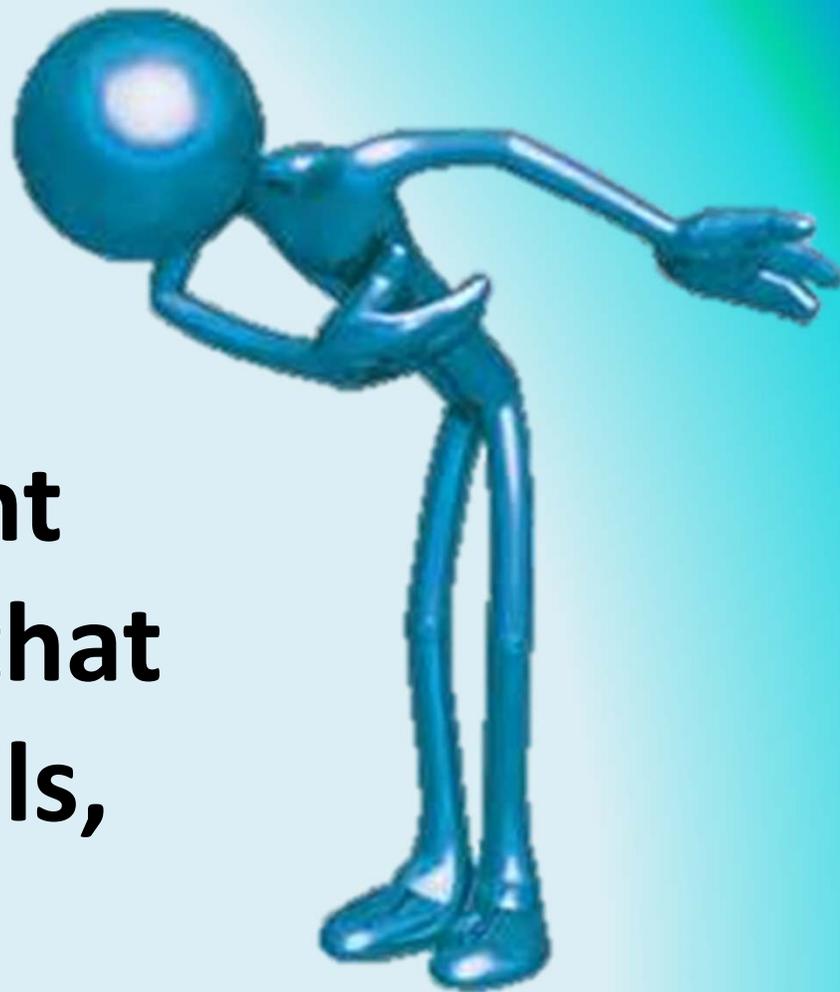
**They must be  
people who reflect  
the rich diversity  
found throughout  
the state.**

**“Councils provide a venue where  
policymakers and agencies listen to  
people with developmental disabilities  
and their family members.”**

**(Sheryl Matney)**



**So, there are  
*other* important  
representatives that  
serve on Councils,  
too.**



# Protection & Advocacy Organizations



# Rights Advocacy

# Lawsuits

# Legislation

# Abuse Investigations

# Peer Self-Advocacy

**OCRA is the Office  
of Clients' Rights  
Advocacy**

Providing free legal information,  
advice and representation  
to regional center clients.

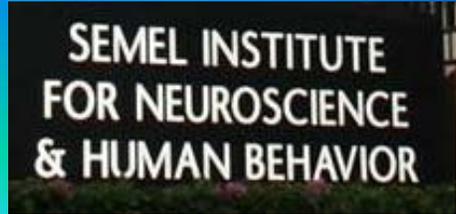


**University Centers for  
Excellence in Developmental  
Disabilities Education,  
Research, and Service**

**There are 67 UCEDDs that  
have projects of national  
significance.**



UCLA  
Tarjan  
Center



# UCEDDs provide:

- Training and Education
  - Technical Assistance
  - Service and Advocacy
    - Research
  - Information Sharing
  - Clinical Services
  - Prevention and Early Intervention
- Community-Based Programs



The  
Association  
of University  
Centers on  
Disabilities  
(AUCD)

**There are  
eleven (11) state-level  
agency representatives  
on the Council**



# Developmental Disabilities



**California State  
Department of  
Developmental  
Disabilities**

# Education

## California State Department of Education



# Health

**California  
Department of  
Health and  
Human Services**



# Health

## California Department of Health Care Services



**employment  
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independent  
living resource  
for people with  
disabilities**

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# AGING

## California State Department of Aging



# Non-Governmental Agency

There must be one person who is part of a community-based organization that is concerned about people with developmental disabilities.

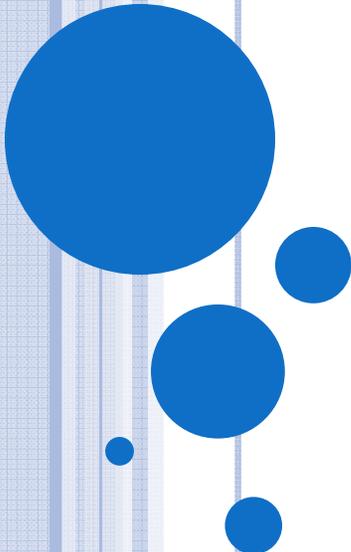


**It's the job of the Council and its collaborative partners to keep watch over the system of supports and services for people with developmental disabilities.**



**“Councils are the only entities established at the state level with a federal mandate to change state systems.”**

**(Sheryl Matney)**



# **ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING SELF- ADVOCACY**





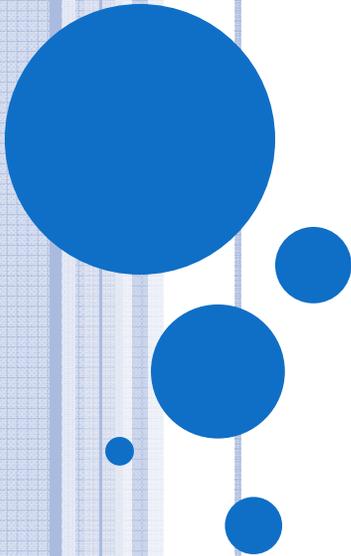
# LEGISLATION



**Making sure  
that California's  
laws are  
designed to  
protect and  
support people  
with  
disabilities.**

# TRAINING

**Training self-advocates,  
family members, and  
others in the community  
about services, supports,  
and other types of  
assistance for people  
with developmental  
disabilities.**



Getting rid of barriers...



**...and finding new ways of doing things.**



**It is the job of the State Council on  
Developmental Disabilities to support and  
serve people in California with  
developmental disabilities and those who  
care about them.**

**We take that job very, very seriously**



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