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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, County Supervisors of Child Study
Route to: Directors of Special Education
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Stakeholder Input Needed for NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities State Plan

Every five years, the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities (NJCDD) develops a state plan that reflects a comprehensive review of major service systems and issues as they affect children, teens, and adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families in New Jersey. The state plan is developed in accordance with the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000. The NJCDD's work centers around system change activities.

The plan outlines goals, objectives, and activities that the NJCDD will implement to bring about systems changes to improve the lives of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities. The state plan guides the work of the NJCDD and drives decisions about how staff and fiscal resources are used.

NJCDD is currently in the process of developing its long-range state plan for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2026.

The NJCDD is gathering input from the community to formulate its goals through September 2026. The NJCDD would like to hear from individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, families, caregivers, service providers, and other stakeholders regarding what services and offerings are working well for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and where improvements can be made.

To learn more about the state plan and provide input, please visit the [NJCDD website](#).

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