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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
CNMI Council On Developmental Disabilities
Assistive Technology Program**



ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CNMI

FISCAL YEAR 2022

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OUR PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Council is to undertake advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities consistent with subsections [b] and [c] of section 101 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance & Bill of Rights Act of 2000, more specifically, to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of and have access of needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion in all facets of community life.

MISSION:

It is the mission of the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities to bring about necessary systemic change in order to promote the lives of persons with developmental disabilities. This will assure that the service network is providing persons with developmental disabilities the programs necessary to enable them to achieve their maximum potential.

STATE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

The Council shall develop and implement that state plan required by the DD Act and the Council's State law, as now or hereafter amended. The Council shall implement the State Plan by conducting and supporting advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities as described in Part B of the DD Act.



PERFORMANCE



PERFORMANCE AREA EMPHASIS:

Goal 1: Self Advocacy (Leadership & Advocacy):

By 2026 people with developmental disabilities and their families will have access to leadership development opportunities and or training to increase their advocacy skills to improve their quality of life.

Goal 2: Community Services Improvement:

By 2026, The Council will strengthen communities in the CNMI to support people with developmental disabilities.

OUR WORK:

To help serve our community, Council members developed a five-year state plan addressing the needs of CNMI residents with developmental disabilities. The plan was implemented through community partnerships and our self-advocates educating our community in disability awareness by designing projects that were innovative and sustainable. The Council used a comprehensive needs assessment from partners to identify areas for goal development.

Federal fiscal year 2022 commences the implementation of the Council's new 2022-2026 five-year state plan. Meeting quarterly and working through committees and work teams, Council members dedicated their time to develop programs and evaluate goals and objectives. Each member has an integral voice in serving the communities they represent.

Councils are mandated to engage in advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities that support people with developmental disabilities to live in homes and communities in which they can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens while pursuing meaningful and productive lives. Councils are called to improve coordinated, consumer and family centered and directed community services. Serving as advocates for people with DD, council activities and projects must carry out the purpose of the



FINANCIAL

FUNDING SOURCE:

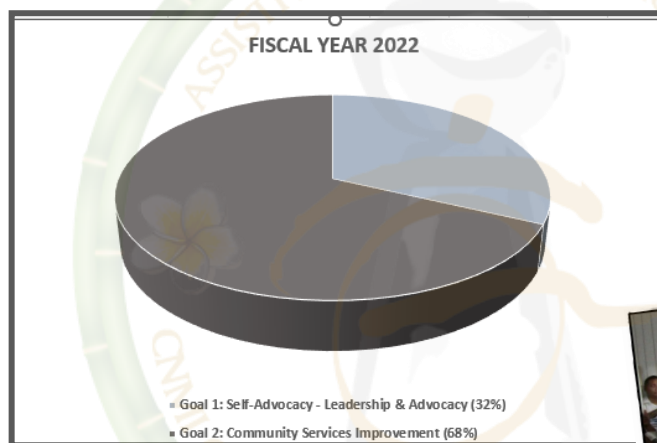
The CNMI CDD receives a federal formula grant from the Administration on Community Living under Title I, Subtitle B of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000. All funds are subject to the requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principle and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards under 45 CFR Part 75.

The CNMI CDD funds used primarily for two purposes: (1) planning and (2) implementation of innovative strategies to address the needs of CNMI residents with developmental disabilities.

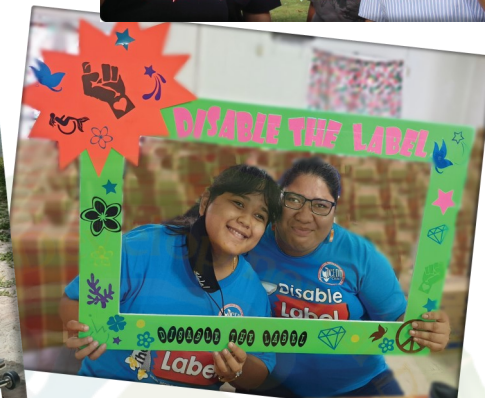
**ADVOCACY
CAPACITY BUILDING
SYSTEM CHANGE**

2022

PROJECT BUDGET



Total Expenditures: \$187,889
Administrative Costs: \$73,726



WHAT'S NEXT

FOCUS AREA & EXPECTED OUTCOMES: 2022 - 2026 STATE PLAN

Goal 1: Self-Advocacy: Leadership & Advocacy

By 2026, People with developmental disabilities and their families will have access to leadership development opportunities and or training to increase their advocacy skills to improve their quality of life.

Expected Goal Outcomes:

1. Increase of self-advocate leaders from the VOICES of the CNMI will use their leadership skills and knowledge to effectively operate the organization.
2. People with DD will become more knowledgeable in leadership and self-advocacy.
3. There will be a culturally diverse increase in the knowledge and understanding of DD issues across the disability spectrum.
4. People with DD will become more engaged in community activities through the NMC's HEROES Program.
5. People with DD will become more engaged in civic leadership activities that cross the disability spectrum.
6. People with DD will become more engaged in and participate in the policy making process.
7. People with DD will be able to exercise their right to vote.

Goal 2: Community Services Improvement

By 2026, The Council will strengthen communities in the CNMI to support people with developmental disabilities.

Expected Goal Outcomes:

1. People of the CNMI will have increased knowledge and access to competitive, integrated employment opportunities. Businesses will have increased knowledge about the benefits of hiring people with disabilities.
2. More people will have an increased knowledge of employment rights of individuals with disabilities and person's first language.
3. More people with developmental disabilities will have increased access to assistive in rural and underserved areas of the CNMI.
4. Data collected from stakeholders during meetings will assist us with how to plan and develop strategies for the establishment of a central repository for disability data housing in Year 2022 and Year 2023.
5. TARGETED DISPARITY: Asian families with children with developmental disabilities in the CNMI will have more information about formal and informal supports that meet their individual needs and preferences in a culturally appropriate manner.
6. More family members and or caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities and or individuals who are medically fragile in the CNMI will have access to respite services.
7. There will be an increase of knowledge and understanding of any unforeseen emergencies such as, biological, chemical, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, or any other emergencies deemed so by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or a related entity in the CNMI.
8. CNMI First Responders will have more knowledge on how to assist individuals with disabilities and their families during emergency situations.

