

## FIELD NOTES JANUARY 2019

### COMPLIANCE CORNER

#### **Program Performance Report Update**

During December 2018, the ACL Reporting System contractor conducted a user test with a small group of DD Council staff to gain insights and feedback about the PPR template in the reporting system. As a result, test group participants provided written comments to the ACL Reporting contractor for their review and consideration. The process is ongoing and the submission dates for the FY 2017 and FY 2018 reports has not been set by AIDD staff. We strongly recommend Council staff use the word template to develop the reports for FY 2017 and FY 2018. When the ACL Reporting system is activated, Council staff will be able to cut and paste information from the word template.

#### **FY 2019 State Plan Update**

State Plan Updates are due **January 31, 2019**. Webinars were conducted January 10<sup>th</sup> and are archived on the itacchelp.org website, [State Plan Amendment/Update page](#) for your use. As always, if assistance is needed, please do not hesitate to contact ITACC staff.

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Program Performance Reporting Webinar: (content only) Thursday January 17, 2019

[Webinar Link for 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time](#)

[Webinar Link for 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time](#)

The same information will be covered on both webinars. Webinar will be recorded and posted on this website.

#### **Federal Reporting & Resources Page**

[What is Due and When? Calendar for Federal Reports \(updated 2019\)](#)

## State Plan Amendments/Update Page

### ITACC Webinar

- [State Plan Update Overview PowerPoint \(1/9/2019\)](#)
- [Webinar recording 1/9/19](#)

### DD Act Education & Resources

#### What Does the DD Act Say?

The DD Act includes two references to urban and rural poverty areas...

#### **42 USC 15024 SEC. 124(C)(5)(E) State Plan**

(E) URBAN AND RURAL POVERTY AREAS. -The plan shall provide assurances that special financial and technical assistance will be given to organizations that provide community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance to individuals with developmental disabilities who live in areas designated as urban or rural poverty areas

#### **42 USC 15026 SEC. 126. FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL SHARE**

(a) AGGREGATE COST. -

(2) URBAN OR RURAL POVERTY AREAS. -In the case of projects whose activities or products target individuals with developmental disabilities who live in urban or rural poverty areas, as determined by the Secretary, the Federal share of the cost of all such projects may not be more than 90 percent of the aggregate necessary cost of such projects, as determined by the Secretary.

To better understand this information, ITACC created a document to clarify definitions and provide step-by-step information on how to locate State/County specific information on poverty percentages. [Click here](#)

DD Awareness Month Webinar Link

**Thursday, January 23 at 3:00 PM Eastern Time**

NACDD will hold an informational webinar about DD Awareness Month 2019 on January 23, 2019 at 3:00 PM EST. Topics will include the 2019 campaign, social media tips and more. If you have any questions, please email Deanna Hartzman at [dhartzman@nacdd.org](mailto:dhartzman@nacdd.org) or call 202-506-5813

[Click here to register for the webinar.](#)

## DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE

### **DICLC Strategies Developed by and for DD Councils**

#### *DD Council Alliance Summits: INCREASING DIVERSE PARTNERSHIPS*

The goal of the annual PA Community Alliance Summit is to facilitate a day of networking, discovering alliances and collaboration building among diverse organizations throughout Pennsylvania led by and/or supporting undeserved/unserved populations who experience marginalization and oppression.

During the Summit, participants learn from one another, and explore opportunities for partnerships. The PA Council acknowledges the Summits as a successful strategy in reaching diverse groups and growing face-to-face community connections.

The Summits continue to grow as the Council began in 2015 with 63 attendees, and is anticipating up to **250** people for the 2019 Summit.

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## Data Nugget, Self-Determination

What can states learn from NCI results about the numbers of people who self-direct their services?

In the 2016-2017 National Core Indicators™ Adult Consumer Survey (ACS), 11% of the respondents reported that they had chosen a self-directed supports option. Among states participating in the 2016-17 ACS, the proportion of respondents using the self-directed option ranged from 0% to over 50%. Why does it matter? - Self-direction is the embodiment of person-centered planning and practice. By self-directing their supports, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) have the opportunity to exercise more control over the services and supports they need. Often, self-direction includes the option to hire staff, to schedule and

provide feedback to staff, and to manage a budget for services, including the distribution of how many units of service are used, and/or the amount paid for a specific unit of service. States have had the option to offer self-direction to individuals receiving Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) since the 1990s. When compared to people who don't self-direct their supports, individuals who self-direct are more likely to make choices in their lives, have friends, enjoy privacy, have a job, and participate in their communities. Evaluations of the landmark Cash and Counseling program showed that participants were more satisfied with their services and used their funds in a more cost-effective manner (Brown, et al, 2007).

Here are just a few ways that DD Councils may be able to use this data...

>Educate families and transitioning youth in your state/territory about self-determination and self-direction within home and community based services. Ensure education efforts are accessible and culturally and linguistically competent.

>Training for case managers/service providers about the importance of self-direction and how they can support advocates and families to access resources in your state or territory to apply for and implement self-directed services.

>Share with policymakers to show how programs like Money Follows the Person is a cost effective approach that supports people with developmental disabilities to live outside of institutions, direct their own services and supports and live self-determined lives.

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Council Highlight, Alabama

ALABAMA CARE: Using Social Media to Open Dialogue and Build Community

The Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities is collaborating with Alabama Cares and Full Life Ahead to create a live broadcast platform.

The disability community and other citizens participate by watching to ask questions, and provide comments on weekly interviews with families, service providers, advocacy groups, agencies, and others who will share

their expertise and experiences on topics that have been requested from people throughout Alabama. [Alabama Care Facebook page.](#)

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