Council Success Stories – Template

[Provide information about your successful project or practice. Then email to Sheryl Matney ([smatney@nacdd.org](mailto:smatney@nacdd.org)) or Cherie Moon ([cmoon@nacdd.org](mailto:cmoon@nacdd.org)). They will review and reach out for additional information (if needed), and add to the website].

**What is the name of your project or practice?**

**Areas of Emphasis and other (Check all that apply)**

Childcare

Covid and Vaccine work

Early Intervention and Education

Employment

Formal and Informal Community Supports

Health

Housing

Transportation

Recreation

Quality Assurance and training in self-advocacy, leadership, and self-determination

**Project/activity year (Check all that apply)**

2021

2020

2019

2018

2017

**What was the population of focus?**

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Families of people with ID/DD

Caregivers of people with ID/DD

Service Providers

Policymakers

Unserved and underserved (by Racial and ethnic minority backgrounds)

Unserved and underserved (by LGBTQQ+IA)

Unserved and underserved (by urban or rural geographic areas)

Unserved and underserved (by language access (English as a second language)

Everyone

Other

**What strategies were used in the project/activity? (Check all that apply)**

Outreach

Training

Technical Assistance

Supporting and Educating Communities

Interagency Collaboration and Coordination

Coordination with Related Councils, Committees, and Programs

Barrier Elimination, Systems Design, and Redesign

Coalition Development and Citizen Participation (self-advocacy training, educating policymakers, and citizen leadership skills)

Informing Policymakers

Demonstration of New Approaches to Services and Supports)

Other activities

**Type of practice (check all that apply)**

Emerging practice (new, innovative and hold promise)

Promising practice (practice is proven to achieve outcomes)

☐Other practice

**Describe your successful project or practice.** [Provide a description of your project or practice. Include information about the need your project or practice addresses, what it intended to accomplish, collaborators and/or partners, key elements of the project and any relevant background information. For emerging practices, describe the strategies, activities, or approaches that are new or innovative and hold promise based on some level of evidence showing positive outcomes that are not research based. For promising practices, describe the impact on your key population and include information about sufficient evidence to claim the practice is effective at achieving positive outcomes].

**What was the impact (or impact to date) of the project or practice for people with ID/DD, families, communities, providers, and others?** [Include information about how this project impacted (made things better for) people with ID/DD and their families, your partners, or communities to show the impact, or projected impact of your work. You can include aggregate information (in numbers or descriptions) about individual or family impacts, impacts on communities, or neighborhoods, large or small organizations, or impacts of a systems change effort].

**Stories (Must be related to the project)**

Impact stories put a human face on the work of your Council and provide a quick look into the lives of people with developmental disabilities, families of people with developmental disabilities, or communities.

**Story perspective**

Person with ID/DD

Family of a person with ID/DD

Partner [person or organization with an interest or concern about ID/DD issues]

Community

Other

**What were things like BEFORE you/your family/partner/community participated in the project or practice?** [include information that speaks to the need of the project, what things were like before someone participated in the activity (for example, before participating in a Council project, a self-advocate did not have confidence to speak up for themselves to tell others their point of view)].

**What are things like AFTER you/family/partner/community participated in the project/activity?**

**What was most beneficial to you/family/partner/community from participating in this project or practice?**

**Provide a summary statement that highlights the role of the DD Council in achieving positive outcomes through this project.**

[Consider including information about program and funding decisions, the Councils role to advise and educate policymakers, what positive change and intended outcomes the Council wanted to see for people with I/DD, how the project or practice aligns with the mission and vision of the Council, how the effort supports the values of the Council and the focus of community living and self-determination].