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Communication



Internal Communication

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External Communication

Encouraging Connection Among Council Grantees and Other Partners



Why Encourage Connection?

- Awareness and/or Support
 - Marketing
- Information and/or Services
 - Unserved or Underserved Populations



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productivity



Why Encourage Connection?

- Future Collaboration and/or Current Distinction
 - Quarterly Meetings
 - Presentations
- Education and/or Training
 - Deeper Understanding



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independence



Why Encourage Connection?

- **Discovery and/or Accountability**
 - Additional Resources
 - Additional Service Opportunities
- **Vision and Mission Alignment**
 - One Team



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Our vision is for all Alabamians, regardless of disability, to live, learn, work, and play in inclusive communities.

We promote independence, advocacy, productivity, and inclusion for Alabamians with developmental disabilities. We work towards system changes in aspects of service and support to promote better lives for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Through these efforts, these individuals can make even greater strides in education, employment, housing, transportation, self-determination, and integration into the communities we all share.



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Johnny's Tips





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EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

BUILDING GRANTEE RELATIONSHIPS

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JULY 22, 2024



RELATIONSHIP BUILDING STRATEGIES

Grantee Summit

- Grantees volunteer to serve on planning committee (some volunteer a 2nd time!)
- Host Summit in October with grantee attendance requirement
- Opportunity for grantees to collaborate
- Invite other DD Councils and ITACC to present
- Roll out new processes or reporting systems
- Increase in collaboration between grantees- by topic and region
- Increased communication with TCDD (more connected)
- Positive feedback to continue annual summits
- Comfortable reaching out to TCDD

Compliance Alerts

- Upcoming deadlines
- New processes
- Information sharing

One to One Technical Assistance

- Meet in person with the grantee
- Review workplan, quarterly reporting, surveys and data collection
- Allows for open discussions
- TCDD shows investment for successful grants
- Grantee Resource Center – trainings, forms, report templates (for screenreaders), other



Onboarding New Grantees

Supporting First-time Sub-recipients (Texas)

