

DD Council 5-Year Plan TA Brief

Collaboration

#7 - Part D



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Collaboration with other organizations is when two or more organizations work together toward common goals, objectives, or projects. Partnerships bring together strengths, resources, expertise, and networks of organizations to achieve outcomes that might be hard to accomplish alone.

Roles

The role of Council members is to identify potential collaborative efforts with specific DD Network partners and others that could assist the Council to reach the 5-year goals and objectives of the plan.

The role of Council staff is to write descriptions of the collaborative plans with the DD Network partners and other collaborators.

What to produce and by when?

Develop plans to collaborate after the goals and objectives are developed.

Part D: Collaboration [Section 124(C)(3)(D)]

Councils must plan collaborative efforts with specific DD Network partners and other collaborators **separate from the planned DD Network Collaboration goal or objective.**

There are three areas of collaboration that must be addressed in the 5-year plan.

As a Network:

Describe the planning of collaborative efforts (other than the required Collaboration activity of the Council, P&A, and UCEDD(s)), and how each entity will use their resources in collaboration with the effort(s) that are supported by the Council's Comprehensive Review and Analysis.

With each other:

Describe collaboration plans the Council has with the UCEDD(s). Include information about how the plan(s) will assist in the Council purpose.

Describe collaboration plans the Council has with the P&A and how the plan(s) will assist in the Council purpose.

With other entities:

Describe how the Council will collaborate with other entities in the State (including both disability and non-disability organizations), as well as the State agency responsible for developmental disabilities services, to assist with the goals and outcomes of the Council's 5-year plan.

Identify the organizations and summarize the collaborative activities planned, such as joint meetings, joint public education events/initiatives joint trainings, etc.

Key Characteristics of Collaboration

- **Shared Goals**
 - Organizations involved have a shared interest in the outcome of the collaborative effort.
- **Resource Sharing**
 - Resources such as knowledge, technology, personnel, funding, or infrastructure are shared.
- **Mutual Benefit**
 - All organizations benefit from the collaborative effort.
- **Communication and Coordination**
 - All organizations are aligned, informed, and able to work together smoothly.
- **Formal Agreements**
 - Memorandums of Understanding and other formal agreements outline the roles, responsibilities and expectations of each organization.

Collaboration can drive innovation, improve efficiency, and bring together diverse perspectives and capabilities to tackle complex issues.

For more information

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