

**Massachusetts  
Developmental Disabilities  
Council**

**Program Performance Report**

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## Section 1: Identification

**State or Territory:** Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council

**Reporting Period:** October 1, 2010 - September 30, 2011

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### **State Authority**

State Authority Establishing Council: Executive Order

Did the State authority change in this fiscal year? NO

### **Designated State Agency**

Did your DSA change? NO

If 'yes', Name?

Is the new DSA a service provider? NO

## Section 2: Comprehensive Overview

Funding in MA continues to lag behind the national average. In 2011 the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) budget was lower than 2001, when adjusted for inflation. Disability spending has been cut nearly \$100 million over three years, and continued shortfalls have strained the state's ability to achieve sufficient service levels. The loss of FMAP required the state to utilize rainy day funds to fill gaps. Reductions were still incurred at the DDS, MassHealth, MA Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) and other agencies.

30% of working people with disabilities have a job in the community in competitive settings, 35% in individually-supported community settings, and 35% in group-supported settings. The integrated employment rate in MA is 52.61%. There are approximately 100 Employment Services Providers in MA utilized for job placement of young adults with disabilities. DDS and MRC funded employment providers work with the One-Stop Career Centers. The affordable housing crisis continues to present a formidable challenge to people with DD seeking accessible and integrated housing in MA. Metro Boston ranks the #5 most expensive housing market in the country, with rents at an all time high and vacancy rates at record lows. People with disabilities have several options including public, private subsidized, supportive housing, and vouchers for market rate housing. However, it can take years to obtain suitable housing. Further, MA also risks losing thousands of subsidized rental units (9500 by 2019) due to "expiring use" contracts.

DDS implemented three new waivers effective in SFY 2011. The Adult Supports Waiver includes group or center based day supports, individual support and community habilitation, supported employment, family support navigation and transportation. The Community Living Waiver provides services such as individualized home supports to assist individuals to live in the community. The Adult Residential Waiver program provides similar services and also offers residential habilitation, residential family training and residential peer support. About 12000 people are funded through these waivers, 7500 through Adult Residential, 2800 through Adult Support and 1700 through Community Living. Of the estimated DD population of 153000, DDS provides services to about 40000. Individuals with high functioning Autism, Asperger's Syndrome and others requiring minimal supports are rarely eligible for services.

The Autism Commission, staffed by the Council, is charged to study the range of services and supports necessary for individuals with Autism spectrum disorders. It consists of 31 members and has four subcommittees dedicated to exploring specific issues. Each subcommittee has additional members consisting of parents of individuals with Autism. The commission's report and recommendations are due in early 2012.

Reflecting the states continued commitment to close residential facilities, the Fernald Center census was reduced to 16 in 2011. The remaining residents continue the appeals process, and it is anticipated that all will move by early 2012. For over 20 years advocates have tried unsuccessfully to ban the use of aversive shock therapies. DDS has recently proposed regulation changes to eliminate level III aversive treatment for new individuals entering the service system. Efforts are also being made in the legislature to address this issue.

Waiting List: DDS reports that all individuals identified for services are receiving some level of support, and thus are not on a waiting list. Arc MA reports that there are over 3,000 people awaiting family supports, 600 awaiting residential and 360 individuals awaiting Day/Employment. As expected, the number of people on the vocational rehabilitation estimated waiting list remains unchanged. The MA Commission for the Blind and the MA Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing do not maintain waiting lists.

Wait List	Previous Year	Current Year
Vocational Rehabilitation	6000	6000
Family Support	3000	3500
Residential Services	0	600
Day/Employment	0	360

## Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

### Employment

**People get and keep employment consistent with their interests, abilities and needs.**

The Council continued its Portfolio Building Initiative, designed to teach resume writing and portfolio building skills to students with developmental disabilities, to prepare them for adult life. Fourteen individuals obtained jobs and efforts resulted in an additional \$365,000 leveraged in 2011. The Employment Task Force continued training for managers and ADA coordinators to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities in government. An additional 43 people were trained in employment, including state agency personnel, individuals and family members. The Council was active in the Employment Now Coalition. Representatives from advocacy organizations and people with disabilities across the state meet to develop strategies on changes needed in the private sector and state government to assist people with disabilities in achieving meaningful employment. The Council continued work with the state Rehabilitation agency, the Institute for Community Inclusion and other public and private agencies on strategies to enhance services and supports to people with developmental disabilities, expand community-based employment options for people with developmental disabilities, and to provide recommendations to HHS concerning integration policies and practices.

### Outcomes in Employment

(EM01) - Adults have jobs of their choice through Council efforts	14
(EM02) - Dollars leveraged for employment	\$365,000.00
(EM03) - Employers provided vocational supports to students on the job	0
(EM04) - Businesses/employers employed adults	2
(EM05) - Employment programs/policies created/improved	1
(EM06) - People facilitated employment	5
(EM07) - People trained in employment	43
(EM10) - Other	0
(EM10-1) - Other	0
(EM10-2) - Other	0

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.EM.D) Portfolio Building Initiative

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Employment  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) Department of Developmental Services
- b) MA Advocates Standing Strong
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Training

#### Project Activity Description

Training series for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities on resume writing and portfolio building for employment.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.EM.C) Employment NOW Coalition

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Employment  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

**Intermediaries/Collaborators:**    State Protection and Advocacy System

#### **Other Collaborators:**

- a) Northeast Independent Living Program
- b) Statewide Independent Living Councils
- c) Disability Policy Consortium
- d) Disability Law Center
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### **Primary Activity Type**

Coalition Development & Citizen Participation

#### **Project Activity Description**

To create ways to support equal rights and genuine opportunities for people with disabilities in mainstreamed competitive employment environments and state government.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.EM.B) Rehabilitation Advisory Council

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:      Employment  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:      10/1/2010                      Ending Date:      9/30/2011

Part B Funds:      \$0                      Other Funds:      \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) Independent Living Centers
- b) Employment Provider Network
- c) MA Office on Disabilities
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Informing Policymakers

#### Project Activity Description

Collaboration with the State Rehabilitation Agency to enhance employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.EM.A) ICI Advisory Committee

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:        Employment  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:        10/1/2010                      Ending Date:        9/30/2011

Part B Funds:        \$0                      Other Funds:        \$0

**Intermediaries/Collaborators:**    University Center(s) for Excellence

#### **Other Collaborators:**

- a) Federation for Children
- b) Boston Center for Independent Living
- c) UMASS Boston
- d) MA Rehabilitation Commission
- e) MA Advocates Standing Strong
- f)
- g)

#### **Primary Activity Type**

Interagency Collaboration & Coordination

#### **Project Activity Description**

Collaboration to advise the Institute for Community Inclusion on strategies to enhance services and supports to people with developmental disabilities.



## Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

### Education and Early Intervention

**Students reach their educational potential and infants and young children reach their developmental potential.**

The Council continued work with the Special Education Collaborative to promote policies and practices that enhance educational potential and inclusion of children with developmental disabilities. This unique collaboration of diverse stakeholders includes participants from dozens of statewide organizations representing parents, advocates, school administrators, teachers unions, state education and higher education officials, human service agencies, post-secondary institutions, and the legislature. The collaboration continues to focus on overcoming barriers to successful transition from school to the community, with a focus on integrated education and independent living opportunities. The jointly convened advisory group of the Special Education Collaborative and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education serves as a forum for addressing educational barriers and developing effective strategies to improve IEP policies and school practices. In 2011 over 13,000 students have improved educational support as a result of these efforts, and an additional \$8.5 Million in new funding was generated to support special education services and the Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment program. Another 1,450 people were trained in inclusive education, 340 worked to facilitate inclusive education and another 190 schools improved their IEP practices through the Council's Partnerships in Special Education. 592 parents were trained regarding educational rights through the Special Education Collaborative and the Council's Empowerment Program.

#### Outcomes in Education and Early Intervention

(ED01) - Students have the education and support they need to reach their educational goals through Council efforts	13,000
(ED02) - Infants and young children have the services/supports needed to reach developmental goals through Council efforts	0
(ED03) - Students transitioned from school to community and jobs	2
(ED04) - Children transitioned from early intervention and pre-school to inclusive schools/classrooms	0
(ED05) - People on waiting list(s) received services	125
(ED06) - Dollars leveraged for education	\$8,500,000.00
(ED07) - Education programs/policies created/improved	18
(ED08) - Post-secondary institutions improved inclusive education	7
(ED09) - Schools improved IEP practices	190
(ED10) - People facilitated inclusive education	340
(ED11) - People trained in inclusive education	1,450
(ED13) - Parents or guardians trained regarding their child's education rights	592
(ED14) - Other	3
(ED14-1) - Other	0
(ED14-2) - Other	0

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.ED.C) Life Skills-Students in Transition

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Education and Early Intervention  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:            \$0                              Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) South Shore Regional Special Education Directors
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Training

#### Project Activity Description

Initiative to prepare students in transition for lives as adults through an interactive training process.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.ED.D) EI Interagency Coordinating Council

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Education and Early Intervention  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) Department of Public Health
- b) Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- c) Department of Developmental Services
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Interagency Collaboration & Coordination

#### Project Activity Description

Collaboration with the state Department of Public Health to plan, develop, and implement early intervention services.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.ED.B) Partnerships in Special Education

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Education and Early Intervention  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) Mass Advocates for Children
- b) Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- c) Arc Massachusetts
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Coalition Development & Citizen Participation

#### Project Activity Description

Collaboration between education advocates to enhance education opportunities for people with developmental disabilities.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.ED.A) Shriver Center Advisory Committee

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Education and Early Intervention  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:            \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

**Intermediaries/Collaborators:**    University Center(s) for Excellence

#### **Other Collaborators:**

- a) University of Massachusetts
- b) UMASS Medical Center
- c) Asperger's Association of New England
- d) New England Index
- e) MA Advocates Standing Strong
- f)
- g)

#### **Primary Activity Type**

Coordination with Related Councils and Committees

#### **Project Activity Description**

Collaboration to advise the Shriver Center UCEDD on strategies to enhance services and supports to people with developmental disabilities

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (09.ED.F) Special Education Collaboration

Implementor:  In house Goal Area: Education and Early Intervention  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate): Massachusetts Advocates for Children

Beginning Date: 7/1/2010 Ending Date: 6/30/2011

Part B Funds: \$70,000.00 Other Funds: \$30,000.00

**Intermediaries/Collaborators:** State Protection and Advocacy System  
University Center(s) for Excellence

#### Other Collaborators:

- a) Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- b) Federation for Children
- c) Disability Law Center
- d) Local and Regional Special Education Administrators
- e) Specail Education Advocates
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Programs Barrier Elimination, Systems Design & Redesign

#### Project Activity Description

Collaboration to remove barriers to successful education outcomes and transition to adulthood for children and young adults with developmental disabilities.

## Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

### Housing

#### Adults choose where and with whom they live.

The Council has no major initiatives in Housing, having completed all funded projects in 2008. The 125 people moved from congregate settings is a result of previous efforts under the nursing home transition initiative. In addition, 12 professionals were trained in reasonable accommodations for housing through the 2011 Gopen Fellowship (10.CS.L).

#### Outcomes in Housing

(HO01) - Individuals have homes of their choice through Council efforts	0
(HO02) - People moved from congregate settings to homes in the community	125
(HO03) - Dollars leveraged for housing	\$0.00
(HO04) - Banks made mortgage funds available to enable people to own their own homes	0
(HO05) - Housing programs/policies created/improved	0
(HO06) - Units of affordable, accessible housing made available	0
(HO07) - People facilitated home ownership/rental	0
(HO08) - People trained in housing	12
(HO11) - Other	0
(HO11-1) - Other	0
(HO11-2) - Other	0

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.HO.A) Housing Committee for PWD

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Housing  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) Citizens Housing and Planning Association
- b) Boston Center for Independent Living
- c) Department of Developmental Services
- d) MA Rehabilitation Commission
- e) Department of Mental Health
- f) Department of Housing and Community Development
- g) Housing Authorities and Providers

#### Primary Activity Type

Programs Barrier Elimination, Systems Design & Redesign

#### Project Activity Description

Initiative to address issues that impact expanding affordable, accessible housing opportunities for people with disabilities.



## Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

### Health

**People are healthy and benefit from the full range of needed health services.**

The Council has no initiatives in Health.

#### Outcomes in Health

(HE01) - People have needed health services through Council efforts	0
(HE02) - Dollars leveraged for health services	\$0.00
(HE03) - Health care programs/policies created/improved	0
(HE04) - People improved health services	0
(HE05) - People trained in health services	0
(HE08) - Other	4
(HE08-1) - Other	0
(HE08-2) - Other	0

## Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

### Child Care

**Children & families benefit from a range of inclusive, flexible childcare options.**

The Council has no initiatives in Child Care.

#### Outcomes in Child Care

(CH01) - Children in inclusive child care settings through Council efforts	0
(CH02) - Dollars leveraged for child care programs	\$0.00
(CH03) - Child care programs/policies created/improved	0
(CH04) - People facilitated inclusive childcare	0
(CH05) - People trained in childcare	0
(CH08) - Other	6
(CH08-1) - Other	0
(CH08-2) - Other	0

## Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

### Recreation

**People benefit from inclusive recreational, leisure and social activities consistent with their interests and abilities.**

The Council has no initiatives in Recreation.

#### Outcomes in Recreation

(RE01) - People active in recreational activities through Council efforts	0
(RE02) - Dollars leveraged for recreation	\$0.00
(RE03) - Recreation programs/policies created/improved	0
(RE04) - People facilitated recreation	0
(RE05) - People trained in recreation	0
(RE08) - Other	0
(RE08-1) - Other	0
(RE08-2) - Other	0

## Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

### Transportation

**People have transportation services for work, school, medical, and personal needs.**

The Council has no initiatives in Transportation. The outcomes reported are from the Special Education Collaboration Project (09.ED.F) reported under Education.

#### Outcomes in Transportation

(TR01) - People have transportation services through Council efforts	9
(TR02) - Dollars leveraged for transportation programs	\$0.00
(TR03) - Transportation programs/policies created/improved	1
(TR04) - People facilitated transportation	4
(TR05) - People trained in transportation	184
(TR08) - Other	0
(TR08-1) - Other	0
(TR08-2) - Other	0

## Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

### Quality Assurance

**People have the information, skills, opportunities and supports to live free of abuse, neglect, financial and sexual exploitation, violations of their human and legal rights, and the inappropriate use of restraints or seclusion. Quality Assurance systems contribute to and protect self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion in all facets of community life.**

#### Quality Assurance – Self Advocacy

A. Is there a self-advocacy organization(s) in the state led by individuals with developmental disabilities, that receives direct funding from a private or public source? Yes

B. Does the Council fund a self-advocacy organization lead by an individual with a developmental disability? Yes  
If yes, amount of funding Council contributes: \$75,000.00

C. Dollars leveraged for self-advocacy organization(s) in the state led by individuals with developmental disabilities: \$245,269.00

The Self-Advocacy Leadership Series is a ten-week course designed and led by self-advocates to teach leadership skills to other self-advocates and prepare them to serve as leaders in the community. In 2011 there were 92 new SALS graduates between the adult classes and the new Students in Transition classes. There are over 300 graduates to date. Classes were held in academic and other public settings including North Shore Community College, Holyoke Community College, Clark University and Lesley University, among others. 27 SALS graduates assisted at the Council's legislative reception, providing information to their respective legislators. The Council undertook an effort to increase opportunities for people with DD to become SALS trainers, hiring an additional self-advocate trainer and one new supporter in 2011. The council also partnered with Imagivision Creative Works Films to complete a documentary portraying the life of a woman with a developmental disability, highlighting her struggles and the barriers she overcame to become a leader and mentor in self-advocacy. The Council held a premiere at the Landmark Theater in Cambridge, and additional regional theater showings are planned for 2012. The Council continued its collaboration with MA Advocates Standing Strong, the statewide self-advocacy organization for people with DD. The partnership focused on working toward self-sufficiency, and was successful in leveraging an additional \$239,000 from new sources in 2011. The project continued the regional pilot projects to enhance advocacy at the local level, expanding to a second region. The Council empowerment and conference support programs provided opportunities to 196 individuals to attend over 150 events to improve their disability knowledge and advocacy skills. Participants continue to praise the program as essential to empowering individuals and families in self-advocacy. The Council supported the MA Down Syndrome conference to bring families together for shared education around issues impacting people with Down Syndrome, and supported training for Direct Support Professionals. Through various initiatives the Council provided training in quality assurance to 370 people, systems advocacy training to 1658, and leadership training to 925 self-advocates. Over 4300 people were supported in their systems advocacy activities and 165 entities participated in partnerships sustained by the Council.

### Outcomes in Quality Assurance

<b>(QA01) - People benefiting from quality assurance efforts of the Council</b>	<b>52,177</b>
<b>(QA02) - Dollars leveraged for quality assurance</b>	<b>\$239,785.00</b>

(QA03) - Quality assurance programs/policies created/improved	0
(QA04) - People facilitated quality assurance	63
(QA05) - People trained in quality assurance	370
(QA06) - People active in systems advocacy about quality assurance	
Individuals with DD	776
Family Members	2,072
Others	1,453
(QA07) - People trained in systems advocacy about quality assurance	
Individuals with DD	513
Family Members	815
Others	330
(QA08) - People trained in leadership, self-advocacy, and self-determination	925
(QA09) - People attained membership on public and private bodies and other leadership coalitions	47
(QA10) - Number of entities participating in partnerships or coalitions as a result of Council efforts	165
(QA11) - Other	90
(QA11-1) - Other	0
(QA11-2) - Other	0

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.QA.D) Disability Policy Training

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Quality Assurance  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:            \$0                                      Other Funds:            \$0

**Intermediaries/Collaborators:**    State Protection and Advocacy System  
University Center(s) for Excellence

#### Other Collaborators:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Training

#### Project Activity Description

Collaboration to train professionals and graduate students in disability policy issues and advocacy for people with developmental disabilities.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.QA.H) MA Down Syndrome Conference

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Quality Assurance  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate): MA Down Syndrome Congress

Beginning Date:            11/3/2010                      Ending Date:            11/4/2010

Part B Funds:              \$2,000.00                      Other Funds:            \$1,158.00

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Supporting & Educating Communities

#### Project Activity Description

Project to assist the MA Down Syndrome Congress to enable waiver of attendance fees for individuals with developmental disabilities and families.



## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (09.QA.B) Council Empowerment Program

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Quality Assurance  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$71,460.00                      Other Funds:            \$44,604.00

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Training

#### Project Activity Description

Project to support the participation of individuals and families in conferences and other trainings to enhance their knowledge and systems advocacy skills.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.QA.C) Mentoring Self-Advocates

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Quality Assurance  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Training

#### Project Activity Description

Project to assist self advocates to effectively participate in all Council sponsored activities and to enhance leadership and system advocacy skills.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.QA.I) Expanding Leadership Opportunities

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Quality Assurance  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Training

#### Project Activity Description

Project to increase the number of qualified self-advocate trainers and supporters to teach the Self-Advocacy Leadership Series.

### Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

#### (11.QA.J) Allies In Self-Advocacy

Implementor:  In house      Goal Area:      Quality Assurance  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:      3/1/2011      Ending Date:      9/30/2011

Part B Funds:      \$0      Other Funds:      \$0

**Intermediaries/Collaborators:**      State Protection and Advocacy System  
University Center(s) for Excellence

**Other Collaborators:**

- a) MA Advocates Standing Strong
- b) Advocates for Autism of MA
- c) Easter Seals Youth Leadership
- d) National Youth Leadership Network
- e) Department of Developmental Services
- f)
- g)

**Primary Activity Type**

Coalition Development & Citizen Participation

**Project Activity Description**

To strengthen and enhance self-advocacy efforts and develop and implement a self-advocacy plan in the state

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.QA.G) Youth Leadership Initiative

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Quality Assurance  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) Boston Center for Independent Living
- b) Easter Seals
- c) Partners for Youth with Disabilities
- d) MA Rehabilitation Commission
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Coalition Development & Citizen Participation

#### Project Activity Description

Initiative to provide opportunities for young people with developmental disabilities to develop their advocacy and leadership skills.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.QA.E) Coalition for Legal Rights

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Quality Assurance  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

**Intermediaries/Collaborators:**    State Protection and Advocacy System

#### **Other Collaborators:**

- a) Disability Law Center
- b) Disability Policy Consortium
- c) Mental Health Legal Advisory Committee
- d) National Alliance on Mental Illness
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### **Primary Activity Type**

Coalition Development & Citizen Participation

#### **Project Activity Description**

Coalition to advocate for people with developmental disabilities and families through information sharing, and educating grass roots organizations, legislators and state administrators.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.QA.F) Self-Advocacy Leadership Series

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Quality Assurance  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:            \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) The Arc of South Norfolk County
- b) North Shore Community College, Northern Essex Community College
- c) Bridgewater State University, Clark University
- d) Berkshire Community College, Holyoke Community College
- e) Mount Wachusett Community College, Springfield Technical Community College
- f) Braintree Public Library
- g) Department of Developmental Services.

#### Primary Activity Type

Training

#### Project Activity Description

Interactive 10 week education and training series to support adults with developmental disabilities to develop advocacy and leadership skills, and to support them as leaders in the community.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.QA.A) Statewide Advisory Council on DD

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Quality Assurance  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:            \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) Department of Developmental Services
- b) MA Families Organizing for Change
- c) Massachusetts Advocates Standing Strong
- d) Governor's Commission on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- e) Local DD Advisory Boards
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Coordination with Related Councils and Committees

#### Project Activity Description

Initiative to impact the use of person-centered policies and practices for people with developmental disabilities at the Department of Developmental Services.



## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (09.QA.J) Leadership Documentary

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Quality Assurance  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate): Imagivision Creative Works Films

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/15/2011

Part B Funds:              \$17,500.00                      Other Funds:            \$3,000.00

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) Craig Shannon
- b) Self-Advocacy Leadership Series Graduates
- c) Solomon McCown, Inc.
- d) Bridgewater State College
- e) Rule Boston Camera
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Outreach

#### Project Activity Description

Documentary portraying the life of a woman with a developmental disability, highlighting her struggles and the barriers she overcame to become a leader and mentor in self-advocacy.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (09.QA.K) Supporting Statewide Self Advocacy

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:              Quality Assurance  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate): Massachusetts Advocates Standing Strong

Beginning Date:              7/1/2010                                      Ending Date:              6/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$70,000.00                                      Other Funds:              \$234,035.00

**Intermediaries/Collaborators:**      State Protection and Advocacy System  
   University Center(s) for Excellence

#### **Other Collaborators:**

- a) Disabled Persons Protection Commission
- b) Department of Developmental Services
- c) MA Families Organizing for Change
- d) Arc Massachusetts
- e) Traingle, Inc.
- f)
- g)

#### **Primary Activity Type**

Coalition Development & Citizen Participation

#### **Project Activity Description**

Project to build a strong self-advocacy organization in Massachusetts for individuals with cognitive and developmental disabilities.

## Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

### Formal and Informal Community Supports

**Individuals have access to other services available or offered in a community, including formal and informal community supports that affect their quality of life.**

The Council continued the MA21 partnership, a coalition of statewide cross-disability organizations formed to advocate for establishing a comprehensive disability policy ensuring access to quality community services and supports for people with DD. In addition to educating individuals, families and policymakers on the principles of MA21, the partnership successfully advocated to minimize budget cuts on programs and services for people with DD. These efforts resulted in over 8,900 people receiving needed community supports in 2011. The Council continued the Barbara Gopen Fellowship, a one-year fellowship offering a unique opportunity for a person with a developmental disability or family member to gain expertise in disability issues and to work with the MA DD Network Programs on a project that they propose, design and implement. The 2011 Fellow initiated a project to develop comprehensive information on the process of seeking reasonable accommodations in housing or employment for people on the autism spectrum. The Fellow trained 12 housing developers in reasonable accommodations for accessible housing. The Council continued major efforts in Autism advocacy to enhance services and supports to individuals on the Autism spectrum. In 2011 the Council provided staffing and support to the newly formed Autism Commission, mandated with studying the range of services and supports necessary for individuals on the autism spectrum, and reporting recommendations to the Governor and legislature. The Council continued its work to advocate for effective implementation of the state's Autism Insurance law (ARICA) This law mandates insurers to provide early intervention care to children with Autism, eliminates Autism as a pre-existing condition, and makes essential diagnostic tests, medical treatment and services for children and adults with autism more affordable and accessible for citizens on the Autism spectrum. Through various collaborations and partnerships the Council leveraged over \$9 Million in community service funding, and trained an additional 318 people in community supports.

### Outcomes in Formal and Informal Community Supports

<b>(CS01) - Individuals benefit from formal/informal community supports as a result of Council efforts</b>	<b>8,959</b>
<b>(CS02) - Dollars leveraged for formal/informal community supports</b>	<b>\$9,439,376.00</b>
<b>(CS03) - Formal/informal community supports programs/policies created/improved</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>(CS04) - People facilitated formal/informal community supports</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>(CS05) - People trained in formal/informal community supports</b>	<b>318</b>
<b>(CS08) - Buildings/public accommodations became accessible</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>(CS09) - Other</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>(CS09-1) - Other</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>(CS09-2) - Other</b>	<b>0</b>

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CS.K) Act Early Autism Initiative

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Formal and Informal Community Supports  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:            \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

**Intermediaries/Collaborators:**    University Center(s) for Excellence

#### **Other Collaborators:**

- a) Shriver Center
- b) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- c) Association of University Centers on Disabilities
- d) Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### **Primary Activity Type**

Interagency Collaboration & Coordination

#### **Project Activity Description**

Initiative to strengthen state and community systems for the early identification and intervention for children with signs of ASD.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CS.L) Direct Support Prof. Conference

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Formal and Informal Community Supports  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate): MA Direct Support Professional Network

Beginning Date:            11/3/2011                      Ending Date:            11/4/2011

Part B Funds:              \$1,000.00                      Other Funds:            \$1,427.00

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Training

#### Project Activity Description

Project to provide training to direct support professionals.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CS.J) Autism Insurance Advocacy

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Formal and Informal Community Supports  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:            \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) MA Department of Insurance
- b) Advocates for Autism Massachusetts
- c) Autism Insurance Resource Center
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Informing Policymakers

#### Project Activity Description

Project to ensure effective implementation of the Autism Insurance (ARICA) law.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CS.F) Disability Fellowships

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Formal and Informal Community Supports  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                      Other Funds:            \$0

**Intermediaries/Collaborators:**    State Protection and Advocacy System  
University Center(s) for Excellence

#### Other Collaborators:

- a) Gopen Fellowship Graduates
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Technical Assistance

#### Project Activity Description

Project to support continued development of disability expertise and leadership skills for former Gopen Fellows.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CS.G) Autism Commission

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Formal and Informal Community Supports  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) Executive Office of Health and Human Services
- b) MA Legislature
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Programs Barrier Elimination, Systems Design & Redesign

#### Project Activity Description

To study the range of services and supports necessary for individuals on the autism spectrum and report recommendations to the Governor and legislature.



## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CS.I) Lifespan Respite Coalition

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Formal and Informal Community Supports  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:            \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) Department of Developmental Services, Executive Office of Elder Affairs
- b) Mass. Families Organizing for Change
- c) Multiple Sclerosis Society
- d) ALS Association
- e) Seven Hills
- f) Boston Children's Hospital
- g) Respite Providers

#### Primary Activity Type

Interagency Collaboration & Coordination

#### Project Activity Description

Initiative to establish a statewide Respite Coalition to develop a respite network and educate policymakers and the public about family caregiver respite issues.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CS.H) Money Follows the Person Initiative

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Formal and Informal Community Supports  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) Executive Office of Health and Human Services
- b) Disability Policy Consortium
- c) Executive Office of Elder Affairs
- d) MassHealth
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Programs Barrier Elimination, Systems Design & Redesign

#### Project Activity Description

Initiative to promote better community living options through more effective management of the delivery of long-term supports.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CS.E) Statewide PAS Coalition

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Formal and Informal Community Supports  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:            \$0                                      Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) Statewide Independent Living Councils
- b) United Cerebral Policy
- c) MA Office on Disabilities
- d) Disability Policy Consortium
- e) Boston Center for Independent Living
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Coalition Development & Citizen Participation

#### Project Activity Description

Collaboration with the Division of Medical Assistance and the Health Care Finance Agency to enhance and expand personal assistance opportunities for people with disabilities.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CS.C) DD Collaborative Initiative

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Formal and Informal Community Supports  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:            \$0                                      Other Funds:            \$0

**Intermediaries/Collaborators:**    State Protection and Advocacy System

#### **Other Collaborators:**

- a) Arc of Massachusetts
- b) Mass Advocates Standing Strong
- c) Mass Families Organizing for Change
- d) Advocates for Autism Massachusetts
- e) Disability Law Center
- f)
- g)

#### **Primary Activity Type**

Coalition Development & Citizen Participation

#### **Project Activity Description**

Initiative to coordinate advocacy strategies to enhance person centered disability policy.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CS.D) Accessible Dental Care

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Formal and Informal Community Supports  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:            \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

**Intermediaries/Collaborators:**    University Center(s) for Excellence

#### **Other Collaborators:**

- a) New England Index
- b) Department of Public Health
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### **Primary Activity Type**

Technical Assistance

#### **Project Activity Description**

Collaboration with the MA Network of Information Providers to maintain a web based list of dentists who service people with developmental disabilities.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CS.B)Statewide Independent Living Council

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Formal and Informal Community Supports  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) MA Rehabilitation Commission
- b) State Independent Living Centers
- c) MA Easter Seals
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Interagency Collaboration & Coordination

#### Project Activity Description

Collaboration to enhance independent living opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CS.A) Massachusetts Building Blocks Video

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Formal and Informal Community Supports  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            3/31/2011

Part B Funds:              \$5,000.00                      Other Funds:            \$5,000.00

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) Soulful Media Works
- b) MA Building Blocks Coalition
- c) Department of Developmental Services
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Training

#### Project Activity Description

Project to educate people with developmental disabilities about person centered planning and self-determination.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (10.CS.K) Autism Insurance Resource Center

Implementor:  In house Goal Area: Formal and Informal Community Supports  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate): UMass Medical School

Beginning Date: 6/1/2011 Ending Date: 11/30/2011

Part B Funds: \$23,948.00 Other Funds: \$1,194.00

**Intermediaries/Collaborators:** State Protection and Advocacy System  
University Center(s) for Excellence

#### **Other Collaborators:**

- a) State Health and Human Service Agencies
- b) Community Autism Networks
- c) Non-profit Information Providers
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### **Primary Activity Type**

Training

#### **Project Activity Description**

Project to support a centralized resource to provide information for insurance companies, families and others on autism insurance coverage under the Massachusetts ARICA Law.



## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (10.CS.L) 2011 Gopen Fellowship - Barrett

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:              Formal and Informal Community Supports  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate): Institute for Community Inclusion

Beginning Date:            1/1/2011    Ending Date:            12/31/2011

Part B Funds:              \$18,000.00    Other Funds:            \$23,258.00

**Intermediaries/Collaborators:**    State Protection and Advocacy System  
    University Center(s) for Excellence

#### **Other Collaborators:**

- a) Autism Self-Advocacy Network
- b) Asperger's Associaiton of New England
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### **Primary Activity Type**

Technical Assistance

#### **Project Activity Description**

Project to develop comprehensive information on the process of seeking reasonable accommodations in housing or employment for people on the autism spectrum.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (09.CS.M) Collaborative Systems Change

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Formal and Informal Community Supports  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate): The Arc of Massachusetts

Beginning Date:            7/1/2010                      Ending Date:            6/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$70,000.00                      Other Funds:            \$40,690.00

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Coalition Development & Citizen Participation

#### Project Activity Description

Project to build self-directed community-based supports and services for individuals with disabilities and family members.

### Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

#### (09.CS.N) 2010 Gopen Fellowship - Nagle

Implementor:  In house      Goal Area:      Formal and Informal Community Supports  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate): Institute for Community Inclusion

Beginning Date:      1/1/2010      Ending Date:      12/31/2010

Part B Funds:      \$18,000.00      Other Funds:      \$23,911.00

**Intermediaries/Collaborators:**      State Protection and Advocacy System  
University Center(s) for Excellence

**Other Collaborators:**

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

**Primary Activity Type**

Programs Barrier Elimination, Systems Design & Redesign

**Project Activity Description**

Project to create and maintain centralized information on accessible arts, cultural, and historic venues in Boston for people with developmental disabilities and families.

## Section 3: Areas of Emphasis and Performance Targets

### Cross Cutting

The Council's Policy Committee educated policymakers about bills filed for the 2011-2012 legislative session to benefit people with DD, adopting one priority bill and recommending several other bills to the legislature. The Policy Committee teamed with other advocacy organizations to coordinate the testimony of people with DD and parents at bill hearings. Many Council members also provided testimony on bills. The Council's priority bill, An Act to Require National Background Checks, has been reported favorably out of Judiciary and is now in House Ways and Means. An Act Relative to Community Housing and Services passed in the Senate and is also in House Ways and Means. An Act to Promote the Successful Transition of Students with Disabilities to Post-secondary Education, Employment, and Independent Living has passed the House. The Council continued to provide information and referral on disability related issues to individuals with DD and families. The goal is to connect people with the resources and information they need to effectively navigate the disability service system. The Council held its annual Legislative Reception, providing a forum for hundreds of people with DD and family members to present their legislative and budget priorities, and to visit with their elected officials. 38 publications were produced and disseminated by the Council and partners to policymakers. The DD Suite partnership of 55 Councils completed final development of the PPR and State Plan components for the data management system. The Council continued strategic marketing to increase the awareness and positive perception of the Council. In addition to again publishing the citizen-centric "Annual Report to the Citizens of the Commonwealth", the Council worked with partners to generate articles in newspapers and other local publications and expanded use of its Facebook page. Over 900,000 members of the general public were again reached in 2011 through the combined public awareness efforts of the Council and our partners.

### Outcomes in Cross Cutting

<b>(CR01) - Public policymakers educated about issues related to Council Initiatives</b>	<b>275</b>
<b>(CR02) - Number of distinct products distributed to policymakers about issues related to Council Initiatives</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>(CR03) - Members of the general public estimated to have been reached by Council public education, awareness and media initiatives</b>	<b>935,697</b>

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CR.B) Web Access and Education Project

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Cross Cutting  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Outreach

#### Project Activity Description

Project to educate and inform citizens of the Commonwealth about the Council and its initiatives on behalf of people with developmental disabilities.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CR.F) Disability Policy Education

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Cross Cutting  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Informing Policymakers

#### Project Activity Description

Initiative to educate policy makers on budget and legislation that impacts the lives of people with Developmental Disabilities.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CR.E) Council Alumni Initiative

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Cross Cutting  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Informing Policymakers

#### Project Activity Description

Initiative to utilize the knowledge and expertise of former DD Council members to educate policymakers about issues impacting people with developmental disabilities and their families.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CR.C) Diversity Outreach Project

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Cross Cutting  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Outreach

#### Project Activity Description

Initiative to effectively address racial and cultural barriers to improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities.



## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CR.D) Information and Referral

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Cross Cutting  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Technical Assistance

#### Project Activity Description

Initiative to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities and families can effectively navigate the disability service system.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CR.I) Citizen Centric Reporting

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Cross Cutting  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) Association of Government Accountants
- b) American Society for Public Administration
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Interagency Collaboration & Coordination

#### Project Activity Description

Project to provide information on Council initiatives, activities, performance and expenditures, utilizing a citizen-centric model.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CR.A) DD Suite Partnership

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Cross Cutting  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$26,000.00                      Other Funds:            \$250,000.00

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) Councils on Developmental Disabilities
- b) National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
- c) Administration on Developmental Disabilities
- d) Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Other(s)

#### Project Activity Description

Initiative to improve Council data management to enhance the accuracy, reliability and validity of performance reporting.

## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (11.CR.G) Council of State Governments

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Cross Cutting  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate):

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$0                                  Other Funds:            \$0

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a) Council of State Governments
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Interagency Collaboration & Coordination

#### Project Activity Description

To promote intergovernmental collaboration and coordination of disability policy between the federal and state governments.

### Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

#### (09.CR.L) Cross Disability Advocacy Coalition

Implementor:  In house Goal Area: Cross Cutting  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate): Disability Law Center

Beginning Date: 3/16/2011 Ending Date: 9/15/2011

Part B Funds: \$65,000.00 Other Funds: \$6,427.00

**Intermediaries/Collaborators:** State Protection and Advocacy System  
University Center(s) for Excellence

#### **Other Collaborators:**

- a) MA Advocates Standing Strong
- b) Deaf, Inc.
- c) National Alliance on Mental Illness
- d) MA Brain Injury Association
- e) Asperger's Association of New England, Advocates for Autism Massachusetts
- f) MA Association for the Blind, Perkins School for the Blind
- g) Boston Center for Independent Living, Center for Living and Working

#### **Primary Activity Type**

Coalition Development & Citizen Participation

#### **Project Activity Description**

Project to form a statewide Cross Disability Coalition to advocate for policies and practices that enhance inclusion and community living opportunities for all people with disabilities.



## Section 3: Projects and/or Activities

### (09.CR.K) Messaging for Policy Leadership

Implementor:  In house                      Goal Area:            Cross Cutting  
 By contract/grant

Grantee/Contractor  
Name (if appropriate): Solomon & McCown, Inc.

Beginning Date:            10/1/2010                      Ending Date:            9/30/2011

Part B Funds:              \$75,000.00                      Other Funds:            \$15,000.00

#### Intermediaries/Collaborators:

##### Other Collaborators:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)

#### Primary Activity Type

Other(s)

#### Project Activity Description

Initiative to raise awareness of the Council's innovative work in public policy and build a reputation for national thought leadership.

## Section 4: Consumer Satisfaction

### Individual Survey Responses:

Total:	107
Respect (%):	Yes 100.00%   No 0.00%
Choice (%):	Yes 98.00%   No 2.00%
Community (%):	Yes 100.00%   No 0.00%
Satisfaction (%):	65.42% Strongly Agree   32.71% Agree   1.87% Disagree   0.00% Strongly Disagree
Better life (%):	67.31% Strongly Agree   29.81% Agree   2.88% Disagree   0.00% Strongly Disagree
Rights (%):	Yes 98.99%   No 1.01%
Safe (%):	Yes 96.84%   No 3.16%

### Individual Comments:

The Council received a total of 107 survey responses. 67 surveys were completed through the self-advocacy leadership series, the Council empowerment program, the statewide self-advocacy support project, grantee projects and other activities in 2011. The Council also posted the satisfaction survey on Survey Monkey and invited partner organizations to complete it. An additional 40 surveys were received. 63 surveys were received from individuals with developmental disabilities, 29 from family members and 16 from others. Results are consistent with those received in 2010. The Council left questions 6 and 7 as optional for the individual surveys. 98 respondents completed question 6 and 92 respondents completed question 7.

### Stakeholder Survey Responses:

Total:	16
Choices & Control (%):	87.50% Strongly Agree   6.25% Agree   6.25% Agree Somewhat   0.00% Disagree Somewhat   0.00% Disagree   0.00% Strongly Disagree
Participation (%):	93.75% Strongly Agree   6.25% Agree   0.00% Agree Somewhat   0.00% Disagree Somewhat   0.00% Disagree   0.00% Strongly Disagree
Satisfaction (%):	100.00% Strongly Agree   0.00% Agree   0.00% Agree Somewhat   0.00% Disagree Somewhat   0.00% Disagree   0.00% Strongly Disagree

### Stakeholder Comments:

Comments: A stakeholder focus group was held with representatives from Council grantees, provider and advocacy groups, and state disability agency personnel. 16 individuals representing different disability groups participated, double the number from 2010. The participants reviewed and discussed the Council's strengths and weaknesses and made recommendations for potential future activities. Participants also responded to the survey questions at the meeting.



## Section 5: Council Progress in Achieving Goals

### **People with developmental disabilities will have the education and support they need to reach their educational goals.**

Emphasis Area: Education

Goal: Met

The Council continued multiple initiatives to assist students with developmental disabilities to successfully transition to adult life. Efforts focused on maintaining the collaborative partnership to improve the connections between the schools and the adult service system. An initiative started in FY08 to provide opportunities for high school students with developmental disabilities to experience post-secondary education opportunities continued in FY10. The Council has also adapted the leadership series curriculum and partnered with state colleges to train students in transition. The five year goal was met.

### **People with developmental disabilities will choose where and with whom they live.**

Emphasis Area: Housing

Goal: Met

No formal initiatives have been implemented since FY08. The Council continues to participate in partnerships with other housing advocates to maintain access to housing options and information for people with developmental disabilities. The five-year goal was met.

### **Self-advocates with developmental disabilities will become leaders in systems advocacy.**

Emphasis Area: Quality Assurance

Goal: Met

The Council continues several initiatives addressing the capacity of self-advocates with developmental disabilities to become leaders in systems advocacy. The Council continues the Gopen leadership fellowship, the empowerment program for individuals and families, and the Self-Advocacy Leadership Series, expanding in 2011 to include students in transition. The Council continues to work with the statewide self-advocacy organization to achieve financial self sufficiency. MASS has developed a plan to function independent of Council funding if necessary. The five-year goal was met.

### **People with developmental disabilities and families will have the level and quality of services and supports they need to lead full, productive and independent lives in the community.**

Emphasis Area: Community Supports

Goal: Partially Met

The Council continues efforts to enhance opportunities for people with developmental disabilities and families to enhance self-directed services and supports. In addition to expanding choice and flexibility in services and supports, initiatives focus on building a 21st century disability policy that embraces person-centered planning and supports, builds the capacity for supporting people in the community, and moving all people with

developmental disabilities from facilities to the community. The Council has also expanded its policy and advocacy work for individuals on the Autism spectrum. The five-year goal was partially met.

**Policymakers and the general public will support inclusion for people with developmental disabilities.**

Emphasis Area: Cross Cutting

Goal: Partially Met

The Council addresses policymaker and citizen support for people with developmental disabilities through ongoing activities to increase awareness about issues that impact people and the value of community living. The cross cutting objective was met this year and will continue for the remainder of the five year plan. The Council continued a project to utilize the skills and experience of former Council members to support cross cutting education and awareness activities.

**People with developmental disabilities will have more employment options.**

Emphasis Area: Employment

Goal: Partially Met

The Council continues to focus on policy development to create more employment options. The Council continues to partner in the Commonwealth's initiative to increase employment of people with disabilities in government and collaborates with the Employment now coalition to increase integrated employment opportunities. The five-year goal was partially met.

**Policymakers and the general public will support inclusion for people with developmental disabilities.**

Emphasis Area: CR?

Goal: Met

The Council addresses policymaker and citizen support for people with developmental disabilities through ongoing activities to increase awareness about issues that impact people and the value of community living. All cross cutting objectives were met again this year. The Council continues to expand the base of advocacy support by supporting a cross-disability advocacy coalition and by utilizing the skills and experience of former Council members to lead cross cutting advocacy activities. The five-year goal was met.

## Section 6: Reporting Year Expenditures

Type of Recipient	Sub Title B \$	Other \$	Total \$
University Centers for Excellence	18,000	27,170	45,170
State Councils on DD	910,649	255,607	1,166,256
State P & A Agency	65,000	25,000	90,000
Others	297,526	740,796	1,038,322
Other State Agency	0	0	0
Non-Profit Organizations	210,036	85,473	295,509
Designated State Agency	0	0	0
Totals	\$1,501,211	\$1,134,046	\$2,635,257

Areas of Emphasis	Sub Title B \$	Other \$	Total \$
Transportation	0	0	0
Recreation	0	0	0
Quality Assurance	448,154	444,119	892,273
Housing	60,140	21,189	81,329
Healthcare	0	0	0
General Management	334,609	255,606	590,215
Education	74,074	21,189	95,263
Employment	238,831	99,096	337,927
Designated State Agency	0	0	0
Community Supports	345,403	292,847	638,250
Childcare	0	0	0
Totals	\$1,501,211	\$1,134,046	\$2,635,257

## **Section 7: Dissemination of Annual Report**

The Council issues a press release on the Program Performance Report upon federal approval, and posts the release on its web page and Facebook. The Council creates the "Annual Report to the Citizens of the Commonwealth", a four page report specifically designed to give the average citizen a better understanding of the Council, its purpose and its major accomplishments. The report provides information about the Council, the State Plan goals and objectives, highlights of activities and accomplishments from the federal annual report, and financial information for the fiscal year. Dissemination of this report is accomplished through direct mailing to the Governor, Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, the Massachusetts State Legislature, our DD Network partners and the Commissioners and Secretaries of key state disability agencies. Individuals with developmental disabilities, family members, advocates and other organizations on the Council's advocacy and provider group lists are notified that the report is available upon request through direct e-mail and Facebook postings. The Annual Report to the Citizens of the Commonwealth, as well as the federally submitted Program Performance Report, are provided to all Council members and posted on the Council's web page. Reports are provided in large print and other alternative formats upon request.

## Section 8: DD Network Collaboration

### Issue Identifier

### 1. Supporting Self-Advocacy

#### Description of Collaborative issue/barrier or expected outcome:

The statewide self-advocacy organization has existed for over a decade but has been unable to move toward self-sufficiency. The DD Network is collaborating to support board development (independence) and program development (self-sufficiency), and to assist in expanding the self-advocacy network. In FY11 the network, along with the state DD agency supported the continued development of a regional pilot to better link the local self-advocacy groups with statewide activities, expanding the pilot to a second region. The partnership also continued funding for a consultant to work with the MASS board on program development and fund raising.

#### Life Areas:

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|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self-Determination | <input type="checkbox"/> Health            | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Education         | <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare      | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Inclusion           | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Assurance |   |                                     |

#### Council Roles and responsibilities in collaboration:

The Council directly supports MA Advocates Standing Strong (MASS), the statewide self-advocacy organization for people with developmental disabilities. Our partnership focuses on working toward self-sufficiency, and has been successful in helping MASS to expand its working relationships with the DD Network, state agencies, other advocacy groups and provider organizations.

#### Problems encountered as a result of collaboration:

Many organizations continue to utilize self-advocates as volunteers to fill quotas. More effort is needed to recognize and compensate self-advocates for the valuable contributions they make and services they provide. In addition, MASS continues to face issues impacting 501c3 organizations, and struggles to balance the requirements of a non-profit with the goal of maintaining an organization managed by self-advocates.

#### Unexpected Benefits:

The hiring of the consultant has freed the staff to focus more on fundraising, resulting in larger revenue increases than expected.

### Issue Identifier

### 2. Leadership Development

#### Description of Collaborative issue/barrier or expected outcome:

Community leadership by people with developmental disabilities and family members does not meet the level needed to maintain strong community organizing and systems advocacy.

#### Life Areas:

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|---|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Determination | <input type="checkbox"/> Health    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment         | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare      | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing    |

**Council Roles and responsibilities in collaboration:**

The DD Network maintains an ongoing year long fellowship for people with developmental disabilities and family members to develop and enhance leadership skills and knowledge of disability issues and systems advocacy. In addition, each network member provides support to the statewide self-advocacy organization to assist it in developing new leaders in self-advocacy.

**Problems encountered as a result of collaboration:**

Resources are inadequate to develop and support leaders to the extent needed to maintain long-term leadership in the disability advocacy community. An expansion of the fellowships was targeted but not achieved in 2011. This will be targeted again in 2012.

**Unexpected Benefits:**

The Fellowship has prepared graduates for greater opportunities in disability advocacy. Recent graduates have served as a Kennedy Fellow and completed the LEND graduate program. One graduate is employed at the MA DD Council, a recent graduate was elected as chairperson of the statewide self advocacy organization, three graduates have become Council members, one graduate founded a successful statewide sibling support network, and the most recent was hired as accessibility coordinator at the Boston Museum of Science.

**Issue Identifier**

**3. Emergency Preparedness**

**Description of Collaborative issue/barrier or expected outcome:**

**Life Areas:**

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|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Determination  | <input type="checkbox"/> Health            | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment          | <input type="checkbox"/> Education         | <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare      | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Inclusion | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Assurance |   |                                     |

**Council Roles and responsibilities in collaboration:**

**Problems encountered as a result of collaboration:**

**Unexpected Benefits:**

**Issue Identifier**

**4. Coordination of the DD Network**

**Description of Collaborative issue/barrier or expected outcome:**

**Life Areas:**

- |  |  |   |                                     |
|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Determination  | <input type="checkbox"/> Health            | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment          | <input type="checkbox"/> Education         | <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare      | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Inclusion | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Assurance |   |                                     |

**Council Roles and responsibilities in collaboration:**

**Problems encountered as a result of collaboration:**

**Unexpected Benefits:**

**Issue Identifier**

**5. Increasing Employment Opportunities**

**Description of Collaborative issue/barrier or expected outcome:**

**Life Areas:**

- |  |  |   |                                     |
|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Determination  | <input type="checkbox"/> Health            | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment          | <input type="checkbox"/> Education         | <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare      | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Inclusion | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Assurance |   |                                     |

**Council Roles and responsibilities in collaboration:**

**Problems encountered as a result of collaboration:**

**Unexpected Benefits:**