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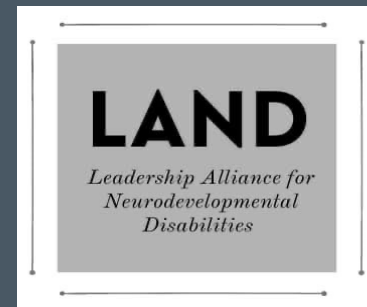


Meet the Need NC
Learning Community

I/DD Policy Think Tank
Follow up: Part 2

Putting action steps
to our goals, together

March 19, 2024



A program of the Mental Health Transformation Alliance



March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Meet the Need NC message:

“People with lived experience should be at every table where decisions are made about their services and supports.”

Developmental
Disabilities
Awareness
Month 2024
World of Opportunities

#DDAM2024

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Purpose of Today's Meeting

Together, as an I/DD Community, begin actions for Meet the Need NC 2024 Work Plan based on four goals which we will make **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**mbitious, **R**ealistic, **T**ime-Bound, **I**nclusive, **E**quitable (SMARTIE).

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A grassroots movement to change the I/DD landscape in North Carolina by improving the lives of those with I/DD and their families through a collective impact model

[11in x 8.5 in 2023 Meet the Need NC Infographic](#)

Our Collective Impact Model



How Will We Get There?



Collect information



Inform and educate target communities



Advocate to increase funding for I/DD services & supports with policymakers



Meet the needs of those on the Registry of Unmet Needs

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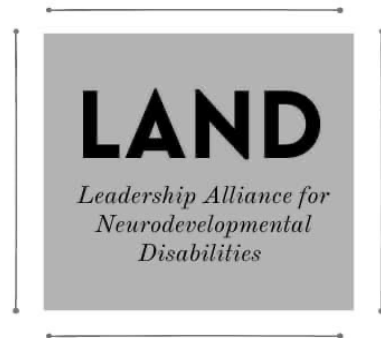
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Our Common Agenda

Meet the Service and Support
Needs of the I/DD Community
in North Carolina

Values for interaction today



Equal voice at the table

Respect for all people and ideas

Check your “hat” at the door and come to the table for the good of Our I/DD Community

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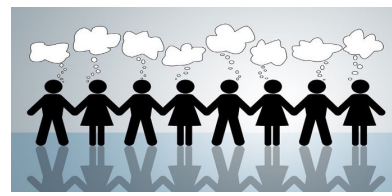
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Nov 2023 I/DD Policy Think Tank Goals

- Strengthen the advocacy platform for the I/DD service and support system
- Create new partnerships
- Develop strategies for working together
- Recognize and value the range of perspectives

The Huge, Essential Task of bringing Our NC I/DD Community toward Priorities, Together



Priorities for 2024 from 70+ I/DD Thought leaders at I/DD Policy Think Tank

JAN 2024 - LENS agrees on priorities from an I/DD lived experience perspective; Meet the Need NC (MTN) Advisory Collaborative votes on most important priorities from a policy perspective

FEB 2024 – LAND meets with funder (NCCDD) to advise on the priority goals that were inside/outside the scope of our grant as defined by funder

Feb/March 2024 – Priority Goals taken to our I/DD Community (“MTN Learning Community”) during I/DD Policy Think Policy follow up meetings, Part 1 (120 in attendance across stakeholder groups) and Part 2 (today) - POLL

 **SMARTIE goals and activities developed by I/DD Community
for 2024 MTN Work Plan**



Nov 2023 I/DD Policy Think Tank Priority Results



Priorities Informed by Funder

I/DD Services (accessing information service for those on Innovations Waiver wait list and transparency)

Grassroots Advocacy (connecting with LME-MCO, NCDHHS, Community Engagement)

DSP Wages & Workforce Development Messaging

(educating legislators and others in and outside I/DD Community)

Social Drivers of Health - Employment, Housing, Transportation*

Schools*

*Topics outside of NCCDD 4-Year Grant Scope will be considered for future opportunities with LAND



Where do we go from HERE?

- **Develop SMARTIE Goals & Strategies for 2024 MTN Workplan with I/DD Community**

- **Action steps should take into consideration our Year 3 focus: Activate our Grassroots Effort**

- Identify ways to share information and work more effectively together as an I/DD Community

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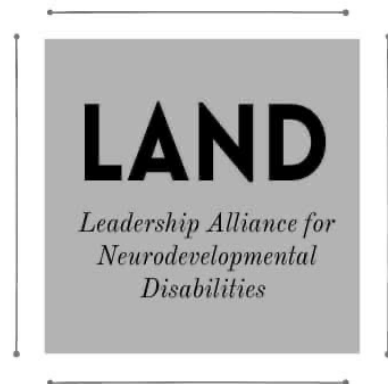
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LAND Policy Think Tank facilitators

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Ann Rodriguez, Parent Advocate



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Part 1, February 20, 2024 Follow up Takeaways

- We have not missed any current key priority I/DD Community issues
- Our voices are more similar than separate
- Discussions are moving beyond I/DD “services” to “supports” and what it means to live in the community & what a good life looks like
- There is a lot of overlapping programming, passion, and “know how” to make change through collective action for impact
- Collective actions being valued; Seeing commonalities expressed

2024 I/DD Policy Environment in North Carolina



March 2024

Funding Waivers slots, DSP raises, DSP classification

DSP Studies: AHEC, DHHS/Commerce, NCCDD/The Arc
Medicaid Expansion

Medicaid Tailored Plan Launch, July 1, 2024

\$835 million one-time funding for Behavioral Health

1915(i), Care Management

TBI Waiver

Olmstead Plan

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Election Year

NCGA Short Session 2024, Long session 2025



I/DD Policy Think Tank Goals, February 20, 2024

#1 Accessible information – for self advocates and families

#2 Innovations Waiver – NCDHHS & LME-MCO

#3 Community Engagement Connections – LME-MCOs, DHHS & SCFACS

#4 DSP Messaging – Legislators, state & regional; outside I/DD Community



I/DD Policy Think Tank Goals

#1 ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION GOAL

Provide simple, more accessible information about I/DD services/supports and their navigation in a consistent, easy-to-find location for self-advocates and families.

Question: What does victory look like?

Recently developed Accessible Information action plan (SMARTIE)

*Cheryl Powell
& Diane Coffey,
LENS co-chairs*

By September 2024, LENS advisory group spearheads the development, testing and launch of very simple-to-find, easy-to-understand bilingual digital roadmap toolkit to educate end users about I/DD service and supports, around five identified categories*, including navigation info.

Include policy updates and three simple message points for each of the five identified issues with the help of the MTN Advisory Collaborative and I/DD Community; update monthly from newsletter information around these categories. *People with lived experience create/vet all content.*

LENS advisory group serves as a guide for accessible information shared about these categories from NC DHHS/Inclusion Connects, etc., LME-MCOs and other state agencies.

*Categories: Innovations Waiver, Registry of Unmet Needs, 1915(i), Medicaid, I/DD Workforce Shortage



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#2 INNOVATIONS WAIVER GOAL

Encourage transparency about where and when the 350 new Innovations Waiver slots will be allocated.

Question: What does victory look like?

Question: What is the first step?



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#3 Community Engagement Connections GOAL

Strengthen Community Engagement group connections between LME-MCOs/DHHS/CFACs and individuals with I/DD and their families.

Question: What does victory look like?

Question: What is the first step?



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#4 DSP MESSAGING GOAL

Educate legislators and other target audiences on the need for a pathway for increasing DSPs (Direct Support Professionals) and living wages, within the Direct Care Workforce framework, using simple, more accessible messaging.

Question: What does victory look like?

Question: What is the first step?

NEXT STEPS

Where do we go from HERE?

Finish and
Activate the
2024 Work Plan



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