



Information About ADD

(Administration on Developmental Disabilities)

and the DD Network

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Name of my state's DD Council:

Name of my state's UCEDD:

Name of my state's P&A:

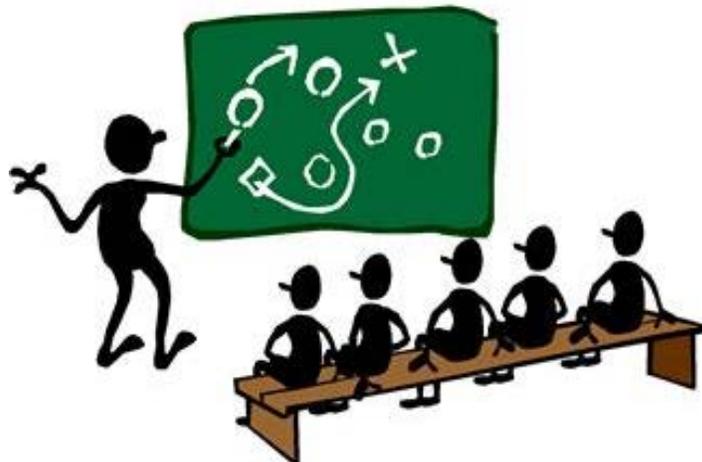
What is the 'DD Act'?

There's a bill that congress passed in 2000 that is called the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000. We call it the 'DD Act'. The Developmental Disabilities network is like a team that you play on. Everyone has a job to do on the team. If one of the players on the team doesn't do their job, then the rights of people with developmental disabilities might not be protected.



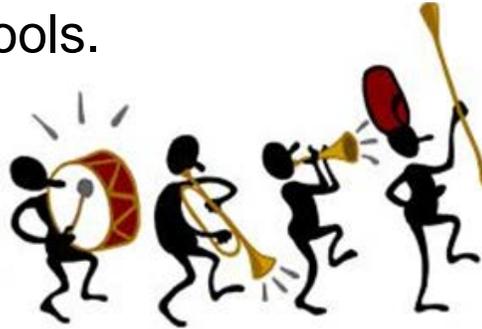
The players on the team are . . .

- **The Administration on Developmental Disabilities** is in charge of the DD network, or the captain of the team. They are in charge of the team and make sure everyone does their jobs and follows The DD Act, and they give money to the DD Councils, UCEDDs, and P&As.



The Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council)

develops a state plan for DD, funds projects in the state that help people with DD and families have the lives they want to live, and helps legislators understand needs of people with DD so helpful policies and laws can be made. They also must support state self-advocacy groups with money and leadership tools.

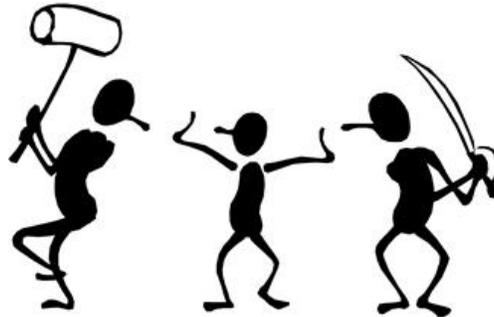
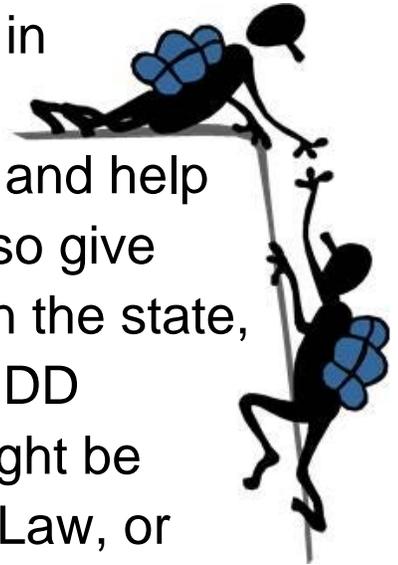


- **University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)** does research that proves the best way to support people and families, they train college students to work with people with disabilities, they train and help community providers work better with people with DD, and share information about DD with the community. They also help legislators understand needs of people with DD so helpful policies and laws can be made UCEDD's might be called by different names in the states.



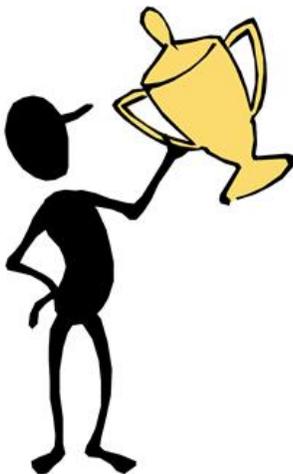
- **The Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&As)**

Their role is to use lawyers and advocates in institutions, group homes and sheltered workshops to make sure services are safe and help make conditions better for people. They also give information about services and programs in the state, and have a way to help people access the DD services they have a right to get. P&A's might be called another name like Disability Rights, Law, or Advocacy in your state.



- **Projects of National Significance (PNS)** are not

organizations; they are projects that focus on a few of the most important issues affecting people with developmental disabilities and their families across the country. ADD awards grants and contracts to do these projects, however there is only a little amount of money that goes to them.



**The Developmental Disabilities Assistance
and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (The DD Act)**

Assures that individuals with DD
And their families

Participate in the design of
And have access to...
Needed community services
Individualized supports
Other assistance

Promotes
Self-determination,
Independence, Productivity,
Integration and Inclusion

In all facets of
Community life
Through culturally competent programs

People with Disabilities and their Families

