

Center for Developmental Disabilities Advocacy and Community Supports

Bylaws

ARTICLE I – GENERAL PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

The Center for Developmental Disabilities Advocacy and Community Supports (the “Center” or “Association”) is organized and will be operated exclusively as an association within the meaning of Sections 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or the corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue Law (the “Code”). The Center’s purposes include, but are not limited to, any purposes set forth specifically in its Articles of Incorporation, as may from time to time be amended (the “Articles”).

To further the Center’s purpose and mission, the Center will have and exercise all of the powers conferred by the provisions of the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of the State of Illinois, as may from time to time be amended (the “Act”), not outside the scope of the Articles.

No part of the net earnings of the Center may inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its Directors, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the Center will be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Articles.

Notwithstanding any other provisions herein, the Center will not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Code, as an organization described in section 501(c)(6) of the Code.

ARTICLE II – PHILOSOPHY AND CODE OF ETHICS

The Center is the premier advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and the residential and/or habilitative service organizations which serve them.

- The Center will advocate for services that are comprehensive, equitable, and sustainable.
- The Center will advocate for adequate resources to assure ongoing services of high quality.
- The Center will advocate for a broad array of services and real choice for individuals.

Provider members will provide services that will meet the personal, habilitative, medical, and environmental needs and choices of individuals with developmental disabilities in licensed or certified facilities or programs (or will be members of Representative Organizations (as defined in Article III, Section 1(a)(2)(B) that provide such care).

Provider members will provide qualified staff in sufficient numbers to perform competent services to meet the individual’s needs (or will be members of Representative Organizations that provide such staff).

Members are encouraged to attend and participate in Association meetings, activities, and educational programs.

Members will clearly delineate their policies and will receive and act upon complaints and suggestions, utilizing established procedures of state and national associations and related community resources.

Members will be fair and honest in their transactions.

Members will be an integral part of the community's developmental disabilities services program.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.

(a) There shall be seven membership categories: Provider, Affiliate, Associate, Family/Individual, Student, Honorary, and Educational Institution.

(1) Provider Membership.

(A) The following entities/constituencies are eligible for Provider membership:

- (i) Community Integrated Living Arrangement (“CILA”);
- (ii) Home and Community Based Waiver (“HCBW”) programs;
- (iii) An Intermediate Care for the Developmentally Disabled Facility;
- (iv) Long Term Care for Residents Under Age 22 Facility;
- (v) or other similar or related facility or program licensed or certified by the State of Illinois serving primarily those persons with developmental disabilities.

(B) A Provider member may be represented by any owner, officer, or authorized representative of the member.

(C) A Provider member must satisfy all dues, arrears, and assessments owed by them to the Association.

(2) Affiliate Membership.

(A) Each Affiliate Member shall be a Representative Organization.

(B) A “Representative Organization” is an organization that was formed for the purpose of promoting the common business interests of its members which are entities described in one of the foregoing clauses (1)(A)(i) through (v).

(3) Associate Membership. The following entities are eligible for associate membership:

(A) An organization or person not eligible for Provider membership providing products or services to Provider members or a related association interested in the objectives of the Association; and

(B) An organization or individual associated with a facility or program that is in the planning or construction stage, prior to receiving a license, and which, when completed, would be eligible for Provider membership, provided that such facility or program is not owned by a non-member organization. Once licensed, the

facility or program must apply for Provider membership and the associate membership will be terminated.

- (C) Associate members shall have the right to attend open meetings of the Association, to serve on committees and task forces.

(4) Family/Individual Membership.

The following persons are eligible for family/individual membership:

- (A) A family member of an individual with developmental disabilities. For the purpose of this section, "family member" is defined as a: mother; father; sister; brother; daughter; or son; (who is not employed with a Provider member facility or program governing board member, or an administrator, supervisor, or professional employee of a Provider member or an associate member); and
- (B) Persons formerly employed by a Provider member, now retired, or who have left the developmental disabilities services field.
- (C) No person employed by or contracted with a non-member facility or program is eligible for individual membership
- (D) Family/Individual members shall have the right to attend open meetings of the membership, to serve on committees and task forces.

(5) Student Membership.

- (A) A student currently attending high school or college on a full-time basis enrolled in classes relating to developmental disabilities or a health related field is eligible for a student membership unless employed by a non-member facility or program eligible for membership as a Provider member.
- (B) Student members shall have the right to attend open meetings of the membership, to serve on committees and task forces.

(6) Honorary Membership.

- (A) An individual who has made a significant contribution to the association may become an honorary lifetime member with the approval of the Board.
- (B) Honorary lifetime members are exempt from payment of membership dues.
- (C) Honorary lifetime members shall have the right to attend open meetings of the membership and to serve on committees and task forces.

(7) Educational Institution.

An institution that educates nursing home/developmental disabilities administrators or managers, nurses, Qualified Support Professionals (QSP), direct support personnel (DSP), is eligible for a complimentary Educational Institution membership.

- (b) The Board shall prescribe the content of applications for membership, which may differ for each category of membership.
- (c) The Board shall also prescribe any dues and other fees for membership.
- (d) The Board will review all membership applications to ascertain compliance with the Constitution and Bylaws and any policies developed there under.