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Join the Council

Would you like to serve on the Council?

The Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities consists of twenty-three members who are appointed by the Governor. The Governor is responsible for appointing members and seeks the most qualified candidates for these appointed positions. In accordance with Public Law 106-402 and Arkansas Executive Order 15-19, members are required to be one of the following:

- individuals with developmental disabilities,
- family members of individuals with developmental disabilities,
- representatives of state agencies that serve people with disabilities,
- representatives from local agencies and/or nonprofit private organizations that provide services and supports for people with disabilities.

Interested applicants must fill out the online application for appointment with the Governor's Boards and Commissions Office to be considered:

https://www.ark.org/gov_bcaq/app/instructions.html

The instructions on that website will lead you through the process. After you submit your application to the Governor's Boards and Commissions Office, please reach out to a current Council member or staff to let us know you are interested in serving and why. Your information will be passed on to the GCDD Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is charged with recruiting potential Council members. The Nominating Committee supplies the full Council with names of qualified potential members for consideration of making a recommendation to the Governor. A list of Council approved potential members is forwarded to the Governor's office periodically for his consideration.

Current Council members (who have not served the maximum term limit) wanting to be considered for reappointment must re-apply using the Governor's Office Boards and Commissions website.

The term of appointment, except for state agency representatives, is five (5) years, and appointments are staggered so that approximately only one-fifth (1/5) of the membership is appointed in any one year. Vacancies are filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Members appointed to complete vacancies serve for the duration of the predecessor's term. Completion of the predecessor's unexpired term of appointment is in addition to membership term limits. The Council members representing the principal state agencies are appointed by the Governor without a term expiration date and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Any member of the Council is eligible for reappointment. Council members are appointed for no more than two full consecutive five year terms, but may be reappointed after an absence of one year.