NOTICE:
CCDD SEEKS PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT REGARDING NEW FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC STATE PLAN

The Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities (CCDD) is dedicated to creating systemic change in Kentucky that empowers individuals to achieve full citizenship and inclusion in the community through education, capacity building and advocacy. CCDD works through innovative programs, public policy and education to change systems that effective people with developmental disabilities.

CCDD’s priorities are set forth in our Five-Year Strategic State Plan, which is developed based on a statewide needs assessment and comprehensive review of related data. CCDD is working to finalize a new Five-Year Strategic State Plan, which will be in effect from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2021. It will be submitted to the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, our federal oversight agency, on or before August 15, 2016.

The Five-Year Strategic State Plan will establish Goals and Objectives related to the most pressing needs of Kentuckians with developmental disabilities and the mandates of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act. Based on these Goals & Objectives, we will develop strategies and action plans. Strategies may include initial funding for innovative programs, public policy advocacy, leadership development and collaboration. Please note, CCDD does not provide direct services.

Your Input Wanted
Public review of the Five-Year Strategic State Plan is required by law and helps us improve the plan. The public review period provides a 60-day window of opportunity for Kentuckians to evaluate the newly developed Goals and Objectives, and to share their comments so we can make improvements. We also welcome your suggestions for strategies and activities to help us achieve these goals and objectives. (Note: this is not a request for proposals, nor will suggestions be considered as formal proposals.)

Instructions
The Five-Year Strategic State Plan is available online at www.kycdcd.com. Other accessible formats of the document are available upon request. Please contact Carol Tudor carol.tudor@ky.gov or call (502) 564-7841.

Please submit written comments by email to carol.tudor@ky.gov. For each comment, please reference goal number and objective number.

Comment period:
March 1 - May 1, 2016
Comments must be received via email by 5 p.m. EST on May 1st, 2016.

Thank you for your input!
Goal # 1 - Self-Advocacy
People with developmental disabilities will advocate for change so that people of all abilities can lead the lives they choose.

Objective 1-A (Council Program to Support Self-Advocacy): By 2021, the Council will coordinate with self-advocates and other partners to advance no less than 3 systemic or policy change initiatives.

Objective 1-B (Leadership Training & Mentoring): By 2021, the Council will collaborate with at least three (3) community organizations, including our Kentucky Developmental Disabilities Network Partners, to identify or create opportunities for self-advocates to provide leadership training and mentoring to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Objective 1-C (Cross disability & culturally diverse leadership coalitions): By 2021, the Council will support at least ten (10) individuals with developmental disabilities to participate in cross disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions.

Goal #2 - Capacity Building for General Systems
The capacity of systems that serve all people will be improved so that people with developmental disabilities will have increased access to opportunities for greater independence and integration.

Objective 2-A (Housing): By 2021, the Council will promote at least three (3) public policies, budget actions or practices intended to increase the supply of affordable, accessible and integrated housing.

Objective 2-B (Employment): By 2021, the Council will support the efforts of at least 10 organizations to expand competitive, integrated employment for individuals with developmental disabilities by employing or assisting more individuals with developmental disabilities in obtaining jobs in the communities.

Objective 2-C (Transportation): By 2021, the CCDD will collaborate with at least 3 communities (including at least one identified as rural) to improve accessible transportation for people with developmental disabilities.
Goal #3 - Systems Change in Community-Based Programs for People with Developmental Disabilities

Community-based supports for people with developmental disabilities *(i.e. supports provided in non-institutional settings)* will be improved so that all people will have opportunities to participate and contribute in their communities.

**Objective 3-A (Access to information):** By 2021, the Council will support efforts to improve interactive, sustainable, information so that more individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have greater access to information about educational services, extracurricular activities, opportunities for friendships, and available community resources.

**Objective 3-B (Natural Supports):** By 2021, at least 100 people with developmental disabilities across five (5) communities will report enriched friendships beyond family and paid staff by utilizing natural supports.

**Objective 3-C (Medically-Fragile):** By 2021, the Council will promote at least three (3) public policies, budget actions or practices that will ensure individuals with developmental disabilities who are medically-fragile have equitable access to community-based supports and services.

**Objective 3-D (Collaboration on Emerging Issues):** Kentucky’s Developmental Disabilities Network (CCDD, HDI, and Protection and Advocacy) will collaborate to address at least three (3) emerging issues over five (5) years and identify opportunities to work together to accomplish plan goals.

**Objective 3-E (Supports in Integrated Community Settings):** By 2021, the Council will promote public policies, budget actions, and practices so that at least 3 statewide systems will be created or improved to ensure that more individuals with developmental disabilities will receive the supports needed in integrated community settings. (Examples of systems that could be impacted: Medicaid waivers, ABLE Act Implementation, increased budget for needed services).