

Introducing: The Louisiana Developmental Disability Network



Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act)

- Explains the rights of people with developmental disabilities
- Focuses on being included in the community
- Makes sure people with disabilities help make decisions about their lives



The DD Act Created



University Centers for
Excellence in
Developmental
Disabilities (UCEDD)



Developmental
Disability (DD) Councils



Offices of Protection &
Advocacy (P&A)



UCEDDs

University Centers
for Excellence
in Developmental
Disabilities

Provide interdisciplinary
pre-service preparation



Perform community
services and training



Conduct research,
evaluations, and
information dissemination



DD Council

Developmental
Disabilities Council



Understanding system
barriers and changing
them through initiatives



Working with stakeholders
to achieve enduring change



Empowering advocates



P & As

Protection & Advocacy



Provide legal representation to people
with disabilities



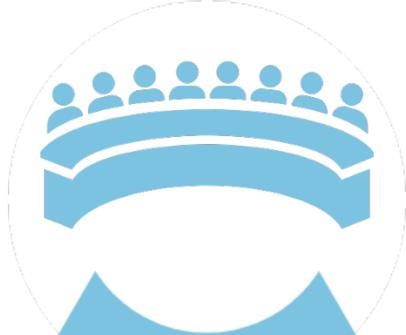
Monitor and investigate conditions in
facilities that care for people with disabilities



Ensure equal access to life in the community

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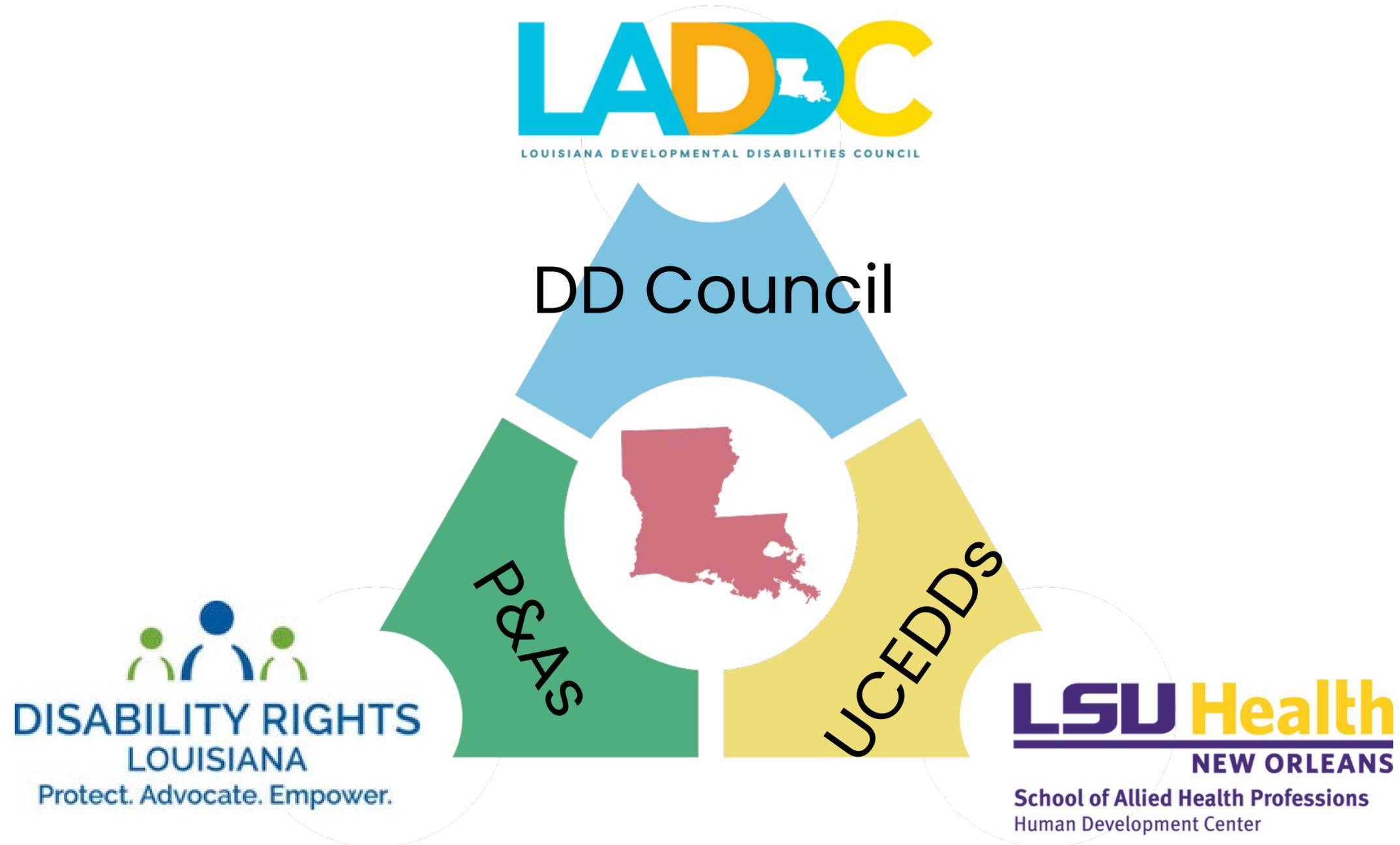
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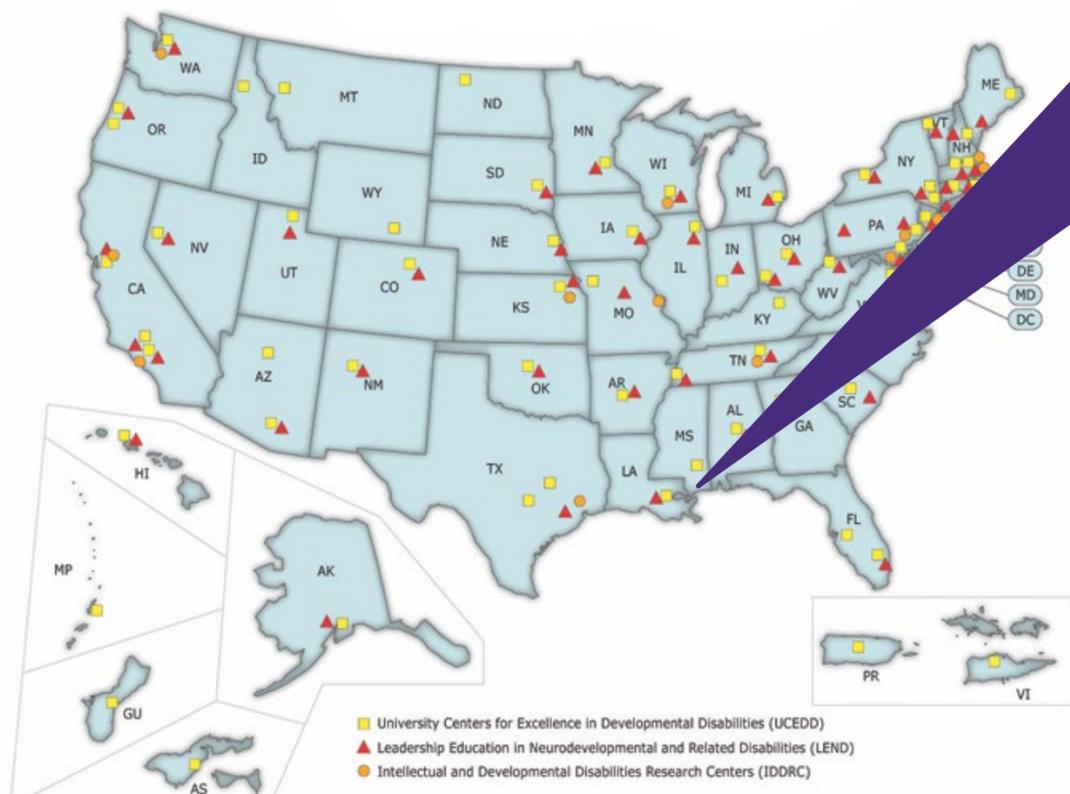


About the Human Development Center (HDC)

**Louisiana's University Center for Excellence in
Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)**

"Building Capacity. Inspiring Change."

Current Human Development Center initiatives and projects



LSU Health NEW ORLEANS

School of Allied Health Professions
Human Development Center

Early Childhood

- Early Head Start Child Care Partnership
- Inclusive Practices in Early Childhood
- Early Learning Center

Education, Transition, Community

- PreK4-Graduation Training & Coaching (LASARD)
- Louisiana Deafblind Project for Children and Youth
- Paid Apprenticeships for Youth (PAYCheck Transition)
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Initiative
- Employment First Training
- Work Incentives Planning and Assistance

Long-Term Training

- LEND
- Clinics



About the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council

Our DD Council



Who is the DD Council?

- Created in 1971
- 28 Governor Appointed Members:
 - Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
 - Family/Immediate Relatives of those with Developmental Disabilities
 - State Agency Representatives

What is the Council's Purpose?

To help people with I/DD live more independently, make their own choices, be more productive, and be fully included in all aspects of community living.



What does the Council do?

The Council works to make sure people with disabilities can go to school, get jobs, and live in their communities with the supports they need.

How does the Council accomplish this?

Develop and implement a 5-Year Plan to address needed changes in the service system through:

- Advocacy
- Building Capacity
- Changing systems





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Our Protection & Advocacy (P&A)



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- Founded in 1977 as Louisiana's protection and advocacy agency.
- Our mission is to protect, advocate, and empower individuals with disabilities.
- We have a staff of about 50 with offices in New Orleans and Lafayette.
- We assist people with disabilities living throughout all 64 parishes.
- Our areas of focus include rights protection, home and community-based services, accessibility, autonomy/self-determination, employment, voting, advocacy for older people, disaster resilience, affordable accessible housing, benefits protection, education, and assistive technology.