

Part 13. Council on Developmental Disabilities.

**§ 143B-177. Council on Developmental Disabilities – creation, powers and duties.**

There is hereby created the Council on Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and Human Services. The Council on Developmental Disabilities shall have the following functions and duties:

- (1) To advise the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the development and implementation of the State plan as required by Public Law 98-527, the Developmental Disabilities Act of 1984, by:
  - a. Identifying ways and means of promoting public understanding of developmental disabilities;
  - b. Examining the federally assisted State programs of all State agencies which provide services for persons with developmental disabilities;
  - c. Describing the quality, extent and scope of services being provided, or to be provided, to persons with developmental disabilities in North Carolina;
  - d. Recommending ways and means for coordination of programs to prevent duplication and overlapping of such services;
  - e. Considering the need for new State programs and laws in the field of developmental disabilities; and
  - f. Conducting activities which will increase and support the independence, productivity, and integration into the community of persons with developmental disabilities.
- (2) To advise the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the coordination of planning and service delivery of all State-funded programs which provide service to persons with developmental disabilities by:
  - a. Gathering, analyzing and interpreting individual and aggregate needs assessment data from all State agencies that provide services to developmentally disabled;
  - b. Conducting special needs assessment studies as may be necessary;
  - c. Specifying and supporting activities that will enhance the services delivered by individual agencies by reducing barriers between agencies;
  - d. Identifying service development priorities that require cooperative interagency planning and development;
  - e. Providing coordinative and technical assistance in interagency planning and development efforts; and
  - f. Coordinating interagency training efforts that will promote more effective service delivery to persons with developmental disabilities.
- (3) To advise the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding other matters relating to developmental disabilities and upon any matter the Secretary may refer to it. (1973, c. 476, s. 167; 1987, c. 780; 1997-443, s. 11A.118(a).)