

Arizona Revised Statutes

36-553. [Developmental disabilities advisory council; membership; duties](#)

- A. The developmental disabilities advisory council is established consisting of the following members:
1. One parent or guardian of a child who is under eighteen years of age and who has a developmental disability.
 2. One parent or guardian of a child who is eighteen years of age or older and who has a developmental disability.
 3. One parent of a child who is served through the Arizona early intervention program.
 4. One member of the private sector who represents an agency that is certified to provide in-home services to persons with developmental disabilities.
 5. Two members of the private sector who are contracted with the division to deliver services to persons with developmental disabilities, one who represents a provider of residential services and one who represents a provider of adult day services including employment services.
 6. Two members with a developmental disability who receive services from the division.
 7. Two members who each represent a different developmental disability advocacy organization.
 8. One member who is from the designated protection and advocacy organization.
 9. One member who represents a nonprofit organization providing direct advocacy to families with children with developmental disabilities.
 10. The director of the Arizona health care cost containment system administration or the director's designee. This person is a nonvoting member.
 11. The assistant director of the division of developmental disabilities. This person is a nonvoting member.
 12. One member who is from the developmental disabilities planning council.

13. One member who represents foster parents of children with developmental disabilities.
 14. One member from the independent oversight committee on persons with developmental disabilities established by section 41-3801.
- B. The governor shall appoint all voting members. Voting members and their families shall not be employees of the department of economic security. In making these appointments the governor shall select at least five members who are clients or guardians, parents or other family members of persons with developmental disabilities. One of these five voting members shall represent a person who is eligible for long-term care services pursuant to chapter 29, article 2 of this title. The governor shall also consider geographic representation in making these appointments.
 - C. Council members appointed pursuant to subsection A, paragraphs 1 through 9 and 13 and 14 of this section shall serve staggered three year terms. No members may serve more than two full terms. A vacancy occurring on the council shall be filled by the governor appointing another qualified person to serve the remainder of the term.
 - D. The council chairman shall be chosen annually by a majority vote of the council. A majority of voting council members constitutes a quorum.
 - E. The council shall meet in each district at least once a year.
 - F. The division must allow the council to review new policies and major policy changes before the division submits the policies or changes for public comment.
 - G. The council shall review auditor general reports regarding the division and services provided by the department of health services.
 - H. Council members are not eligible to receive compensation, but council members appointed pursuant to subsection A, paragraphs 1 through 9 and 13 and 14 of this section are eligible to receive reimbursement of expenses pursuant to title 38, chapter 4, article 2.
 - I. The council shall review and make recommendations to the division regarding:

1. Coordinating and integrating services provided by state agencies and providers that have contracted with state agencies to provide developmental disability programs.
 2. The health, safety, welfare and legal rights of persons with developmental disabilities.
 3. The division's plan for service delivery and improvement.
 4. Establishing and reviewing division policies and programs.
 5. The cost-effectiveness of division services.
 6. Assessing the division's annual needs.
 7. Selecting the assistant director of the division.
 8. Monitoring the division's annual budget.
 9. The sale or lease of the real property and improvements on the real property formerly used by the department of economic security for the Arizona training program in Phoenix.
- J. The council shall oversee and approve expenditures of monies from the client developmental disability services trust fund established by section 36-572 following expenditure guidelines established by the council.
- K. The council shall provide the public with an opportunity to address the council at regularly publicized meetings.
- L. The council shall submit an annual report of activities to the Director, the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31 of each year and provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state.
- M. The department shall make meeting space available to the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council at locations and times convenient to the council and shall provide secretarial and staff support.