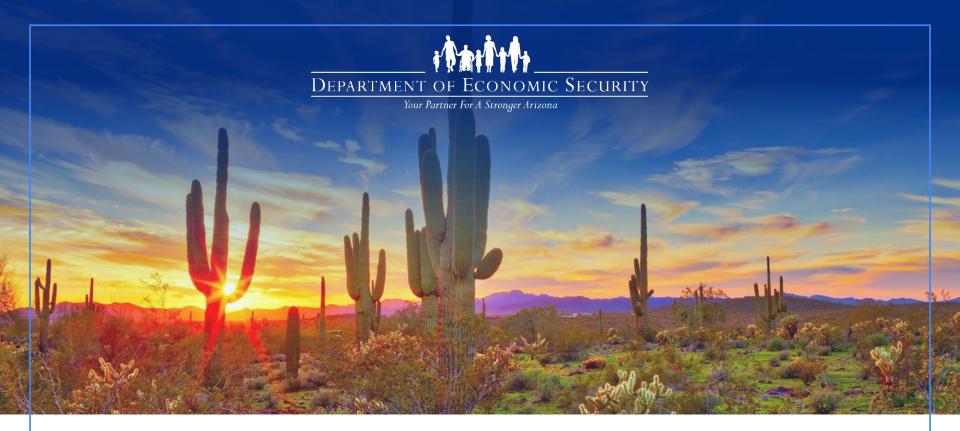




#### Division of Developmental Disabilities March 7, 2024



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#### **Member Advocacy Council (MAC) Volunteers**

# **Member Advocacy Council**

- DDD is developing a new Member Advocacy Council
- The purpose of the Member Advocacy Council (MAC)
  - Gather input, discuss issues and barriers, identify challenges and barriers, problem solve, share information, and strategize on ways to strengthen the service delivery system
  - Provide input and suggestions for agenda topics for future Public Town Hall Events
  - MAC meetings will occur quarterly

# **Member Advocacy Council**

- Seeking volunteers representing the diverse DDD community who are interested in joining the council
- The council will consist of members, family members, professionals, advocates and DDD leaders
- Volunteer interest form available at <u>https://forms.gle/NByQqm477QU1cpT38</u>
- Volunteers will be selected and notified by the end of March 2024
- First meeting will be held at the beginning of May 2024





### **Positive Behavioral Support Training**

#### **Positive Behavioral Support (PBS) Training**

- DDD partnered with Raising Special Kids to offer training for family members and caregivers
- Called Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Training
  - Evidence-based and inclusive
  - Promotes empathy and sensitivity
  - Teaches person-centered practices
  - Offers tools to support people with challenging behaviors and improve their quality of life
  - Improves communication with members
  - Builds caregiver confidence to support members with challenging behaviors, therefore supporting stronger relationships

#### **Positive Behavioral Support (PBS) Training**

- Training total = 8 hours
- Offered in English and Spanish
  - Also available in other languages upon request
- No cost to families and caregivers

Learn More: <u>https://des.az.gov/services/disabilities/developmental-</u> <u>disabilities/current-member-resources/pbs-training</u>

#### **Positive Behavioral Support (PBS) Training**

- PBS Training will be offered once per month on different days and times
- The next training will be on April 11 & 12, 2024
- Visit Raising Special Kids, <u>https://raisingspecialkids.org/events/</u>, to register for an upcoming PBS training.









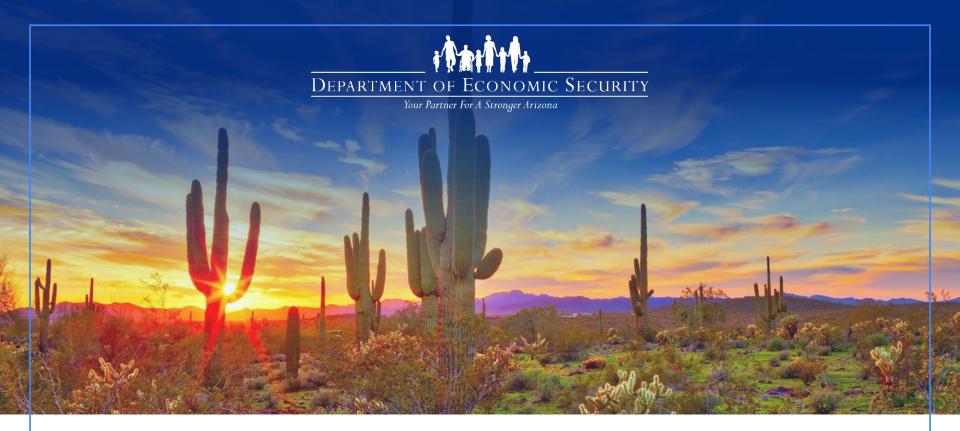


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