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Council on
People with
Disabilities**

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Mission Statement

- Advise the Governor and General Assembly on statewide disability issues.
- Educate and advocate for:
 - ◇ Partnerships at the local, state and national level;
 - ◇ Promotion of equality, access and independence; and
 - ◇ Development of employment opportunities.
- Promote the value of diversity, dignity and the quality of life for people with disabilities.
- Be a catalyst to create systemic change to promote awareness of disability-related issues that will ultimately benefit all citizens of Ohio.



Composition of the Council

The Governor's Council on People with Disabilities (GCPD) consists of 21 members, the majority of whom must be people with disabilities; others might include advocates, family members, and employers. The members are appointed by the Governor for a three year term, and shall continue in office until a successor has been appointed. The chair of the GCPD is appointed by the Governor for a two year term. The Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) executive director serves as an ex-officio member. Personnel for the GCPD are assigned by the OOD Agency.



History and Legislative Base

The Governor's Council on Disabled Persons was created by Amended Substitute House Bill 881, which became law on August 20, 1982. It became the Governor's Council on People with Disabilities when House Bill 177 went into effect September 13, 1989. The Governor's Council on People with Disabilities meets at least six times a year.

