

Coordinating Council for Persons with Disabilities

What is the Council?

The Coordinating Council for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD or Council) was established by the Utah State Legislature almost 20 years ago to:

- “(1) coordinate and ensure that services and supports are provided in a cost-effective manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that services and supports provided under this chapter be coordinated to meet the individual needs of persons with disabilities; and*
- (2) whenever possible, regard an individual's personal choices concerning services and supports that are best suited to his individual needs and that promote his independence, productivity, and integration in community life.”*

*Utah Code Title 62A – Human Services Code
Title 62A Chapter 05a -- Coordinating Council for Persons with Disabilities
62A-5a-101. Policy statement.*

When does the Council meet?

The Council meets monthly (approximately 10 times per year) typically at the agency/organization of the Chairperson for the year. Meetings are open to the public unless closed for reasons allowed by law.

What does the Council do?

The Council meets to receive and discuss information and when necessary, to make plans or take action related to cross-agency or interagency issues related to services and programs for people with all disabilities in Utah. The Council is the forum where state agency/division directors share information and discuss legislative and budget issues, particularly those related to state funding, legislation, policies or procedures.

Utah Code further defines the powers of the Council and other responsibilities related to school age children and youth:

The Powers of the Council are:

- (1) The Council has authority, after local or individual efforts have failed, including, with regard to persons under 22 years of age, actions by local interagency councils established under Section 63-75-5.7, to:
 - (a) coordinate the appropriate transition of persons with disabilities who receive services and support from one state agency to receive services and support from another state agency;
 - (b) coordinate policies governing the provision of services and support for persons with disabilities by state agencies; and
 - (c) consider issues regarding eligibility for services and support and, where possible, develop uniform eligibility standards for state agencies.
- (2) The Council may receive appropriations from the Legislature to purchase services and supports for persons with disabilities as the Council deems appropriate.

*Utah Code Title 62A – Human Services Code
Title 62A Chapter 05a -- Coordinating Council for Persons with Disabilities
62A-5a-104. Powers of the council.*

Coordination of services for school-age children:

- (1) Within appropriations authorized by the Legislature, the state director of special education, the executive director of the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, the executive director of the Department of Human Services, and the family health services director within the Department of Health, or their designees, and the affected local school district shall cooperatively develop a single coordinated education program, treatment services, and individual and family supports for students entitled to a free appropriate education under Title 53A, Chapter 15, Part 3, Education of Children with Disabilities, who also require services from the Department of Human Services, the Department of Health, or the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation.
- (2) Distribution of costs for services and supports described in Subsection (1) shall be determined through a process established by the State Board of Education, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Health.

*Utah Code Title 62A – Human Services Code
Title 62A Chapter 05a -- Coordinating Council for Persons with Disabilities
62A-5a-105. Coordination of services for school-age children.*

CCPD 2014-15:

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- Helen W. Post, Executive Director
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