



## Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

### Tribal Consultation Policy

#### Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC)

The ADDPC is established by Executive Order 2009-08 in accordance with Public Law 106-402, also known as the *Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000*. The ADDPC functions as an advocate for persons with developmental disabilities and their families in Arizona with the objectives of increasing capacity for independence and community inclusion and bringing about system(s) change leading to appropriate participation in all areas of life. The ADDPC also serves as a funding source in developing new and innovative projects that result in measurable outcomes increasing the quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities.

#### Definitions

**“Developmental Disability”** means a severe, chronic disability of an individual that is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental or physical impairments; is manifested before the individual attains age 22; is likely to continue indefinitely; and results in substantial limitations in 3 or more areas of major life activities, including self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living and economic self-sufficiency.

**“Consultation”** means the direct and indirect interactive involvement of Arizona tribes with the ADDPC through active, affirmative and collaborative processes used to identify needs, plan, implement plans, allocate available ADDPC funds in accordance with Arizona State Procurement Codes and ADDPC State Plan Goals, and supporting/advocating for persons with developmental disabilities and their families.

**“Native American Tribe”** means an Indian Tribe, Band, Nation, Pueblo, Village or Community that the Secretary of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an Indian tribe pursuant to the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List of 1994, 25 U.S.C 479a.

#### Policy

The ADDPC recognizes the sovereignty of Tribal governments and their jurisdiction over lands within Indian Country as defined by law.

The ADDPC supports the strengthening of Tribal capacity for community, education, workplace development and other supports that will especially benefit persons with developmental disabilities and their families in achieving maximum participation in their communities.

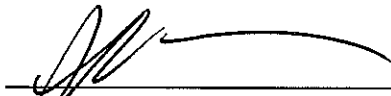
The ADDPC is committed to developing cooperative and collaborative relationships with tribes and will respect the concerns of Tribes.

### **Responsibility**

The Executive Director of the ADDPC will hold responsibility for administration and enforcement of the Tribal Consultation Policy.

### **Procedures**

1. The ADDPC will not conduct any activities within Indian Country without first receiving an invitation from the appropriate Tribal official/representative.
2. The ADDPC will seek to establish and maintain effective working relationships with key members in Tribal Governments to include development of workable communication channels.
3. Whenever possible, the ADDPC will attempt face to face communication with all Tribal officials/representatives.
4. The ADDPC will work cooperatively with Tribal Governments to identify representatives interested in becoming appointed members of the ADDPC.
5. When requested by Tribal officials/representatives, the ADDPC will provide educational opportunities to Tribal members on topics related to support, advocacy, employment and improving the quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities and their families.
6. The ADDPC will provide information to all Arizona Tribal Governments pertaining to Requests for Grant Applications or other funding opportunities managed by the ADDPC that if awarded, would benefit Tribal members with developmental disabilities and/or their families.
7. In regularly scheduled need assessments measuring the degree and types of needs affecting persons with developmental disabilities, the ADDPC will consult with all interested Tribal officials/representatives in obtaining information that can be used in developing strategies for future collaboration with Indian Tribes within Arizona.
8. In constructing plans and approaches to address the needs of persons in Arizona with developmental disabilities, the ADDPC will consult with all interested Tribal officials/representatives to assure that the issues and concerns of Tribes are reflected in final plan documents.

  
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