

**Administration on Development Disabilities
Technical Assistance Institute – Presentation Summary
Welcome / About ADD - Organizational Structure
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What you are going to learn over the next two days:

How to find and keep partners?

How to get the word out?

How to be an effective team player -You don't have to know everything and agree with everything to be a team player.

Using your voice to help others.

How to work with parents – how to ensure they don't take over, how they can assist us?

How to use the World Wide Web?

What is mentoring, shapes and forms – how to promote participation and inclusion among people with disabilities?

How to deal with transportation issues?

How to use the media to get the word out about your programs?

ADD Organizational Structure – Ophelia McLain

The President of the United States has many things he would like to accomplish. This is done within the fifteen departments.

Departments

Office of the President

Agriculture

Commerce

Defense

Education

Energy

Health & Human Services

Homeland Security

Housing and Urban Development

Interior

Justice

Labor

State

Transportation

Treasury

Veterans Affairs

Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD)

ADD is the Federal agency that is in charge of the programs shown in the DD Act
ADD is part of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF)
ACF pays for many grant programs such as Head Start and TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, which helps poor families)
ACF is part of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Though ADD seems small compared to other agencies, we have a big job. Within the organization, there are:

57 Protection & Advocacy Agencies
55 Councils on Developmental Disabilities
64 University Centers
21 Family Support 360 Centers
15 Youth Centers

Types of Organizations

P&A – School to Work (WA)
Council – Youth Empowerment Alliance (MD)
University Center – SLAYD (CA), LEAD (DE), A4A (NC)
Higher Education – CEL (CA), OKAY (OK), NYIC (OR)*
Community Organization – NCLD-Youth (DC)*, DC Self-Advocacy Empowerment Center (DC), YELDD (IL), Pathways (MN), KASA (NM)*, El Poder de los Jovenes (NM)
State Agency – SALYD (IA)

* National Organization

All Centers should:

Have an advisory committee
Work on three primary areas within child care, employment, education, health, housing, recreation, transportation and quality assurance
Train (including self-advocacy and leadership)
Share information
Use youth friendly materials (including web-based materials)
Focus on unserved and underserved
Partner with other groups
Offer employment by the project
Have skill building activities
Encourage and allow youth participation
Offer mentoring opportunities
Follow what is said in the Americans with Disabilities Act

Why We Are Here

To help each other reach goals, to learn from each other, and to share information and to gain skills.

This entire presentation and supplemental handout materials can be found at the following link:

ADD Organizational Structure power point - http://www.ent-s-t.com/ADD_0806/08-09-06%20-%20006%20-%20ADD%20Org%20Structure%20-%20O_McLain.pdf