

# IOWA DD Council

Preparation, Participation, Power



The Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council will work to create change *with* and for persons with developmental disabilities so they can *live, work, learn, and play* in the community of their choosing.

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# What does the Iowa DD Council do?



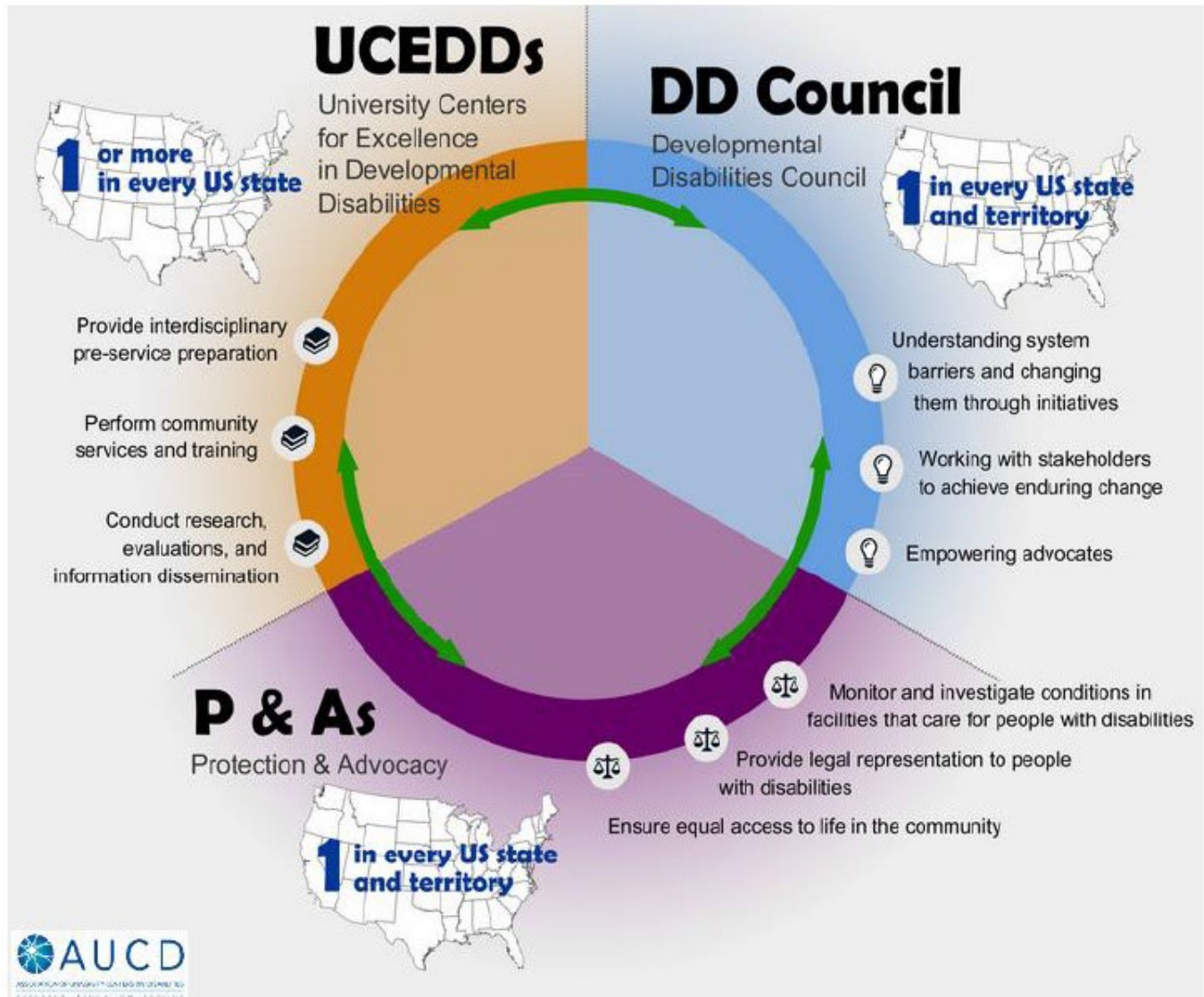
- The Iowa DD Council receives money from the federal government – Administration on Community Living
- With that money, we advocate for services and supports so that Iowans with disabilities can have a better life!
- We also help people with disabilities be their own **ADVOCATE!**

# The Developmental Disability (DD) Assistance and Bill of Rights Act

- The DD Act of 2000 Public Law 106-402 established a set of programs to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities through **capacity building** and **systems change, advocacy** and the enforcement and protection of civil rights
- These programs are the state DD Councils, Disability Rights Centers (Disability Rights Iowa), and the University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (Center for Disabilities and Development).

These are sometimes called the DD Network.

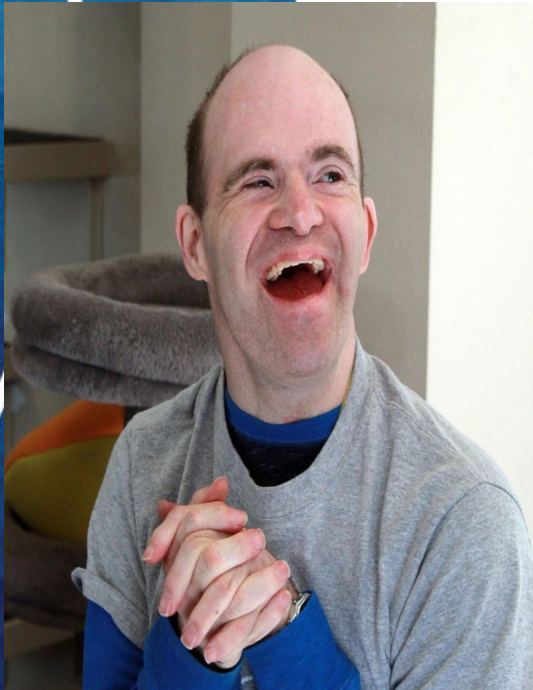




# The Developmental Disability (DD) Assistance and Bill of Rights Act

Congress finds that disability is a **natural part** of the human experience that does not diminish the right of individuals with disabilities to:

- Live independently
- Have control and choice over their own lives
- Fully participate in and contribute to their communities



# Who are we?

The Iowa DD Council is a group of volunteers dedicated to creating change.

- 24 members appointed by the governor
- 60% people with disabilities or family members
- People who work for the state government
  - DRI, CDD, Dept. Education, Dept. Aging, Child Health Specialists Clinics, VR, IME, County/local reps, Providers

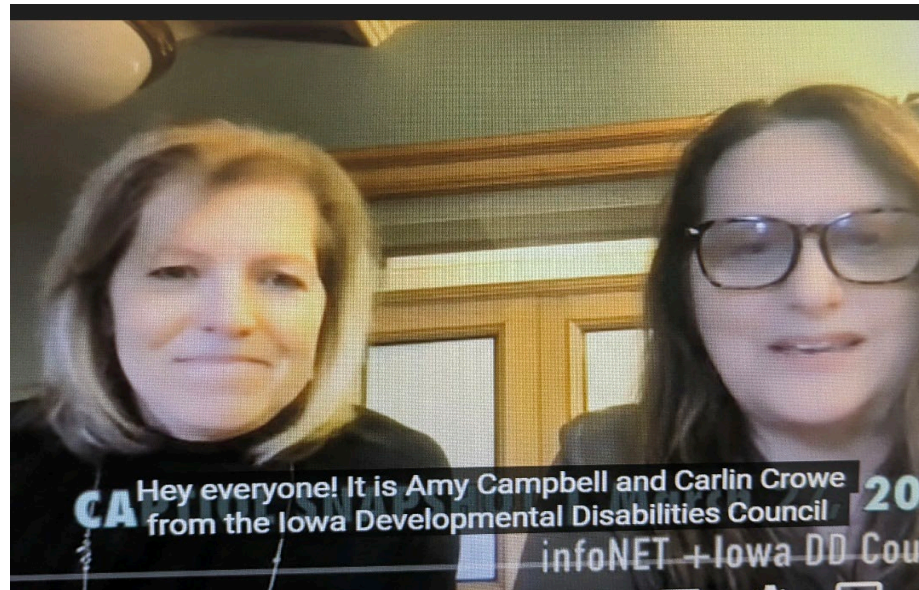


# Keeping Advocates Informed!

Resources for civic and political participation for people with disabilities and their family members



<https://www.iowaddcouncil.org/infonet>



**2023**

**LEGISLATIVE  
SESSION  
RESOURCES**



**Legislative Agenda**

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The Iowa DD Council's main areas of focus for 2023.



# ADVOCACY AT THE CAPITOL

Putting Self-Advocacy into Practice



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# DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION



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# SIMPLE STEPS *to Vote!*

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## STEP 1

### REGISTER TO VOTE

Your options for registering to vote:

- Register online | [bit.ly/ddcouncil-online](http://bit.ly/ddcouncil-online)
- Register by mail | [bit.ly/ddcouncil-app](http://bit.ly/ddcouncil-app)
- Register at the polls on Election Day

## STEP 2

### CHOOSE HOW YOU WILL VOTE

Your options for choosing how to vote:

- Vote by absentee ballot | [bit.ly/ddcouncil-absentee](http://bit.ly/ddcouncil-absentee)
- Vote at the polls | [bit.ly/ddcouncil-polls](http://bit.ly/ddcouncil-polls)

## STEP 3

### CAST YOUR BALLOT

When casting your ballot:

- Remember to bring your ID | [bit.ly/ddcouncil-cast](http://bit.ly/ddcouncil-cast)

### DO IT ALL AT IOWA'S SECRETARY OF STATE WEBSITE

[sos.iowa.gov](http://sos.iowa.gov)

- Verify you are registered to vote
- Register online to vote
- Request your absentee ballot
- Track your ballot
- Find your polling location

#### For more information

[sos.iowa.gov](http://sos.iowa.gov) | (888) SOS-VOTE  
[iowaddcouncil.org](http://iowaddcouncil.org) | (800) 452-1936

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# Aaron's Story

"I think my time during the Youth Leadership Academy helped me in a way that I can support the Iowa legislature, and being a leader helped me to meet new people not only to talk about my inspiring disability story, but also to be social whenever I avoid my anxiety."



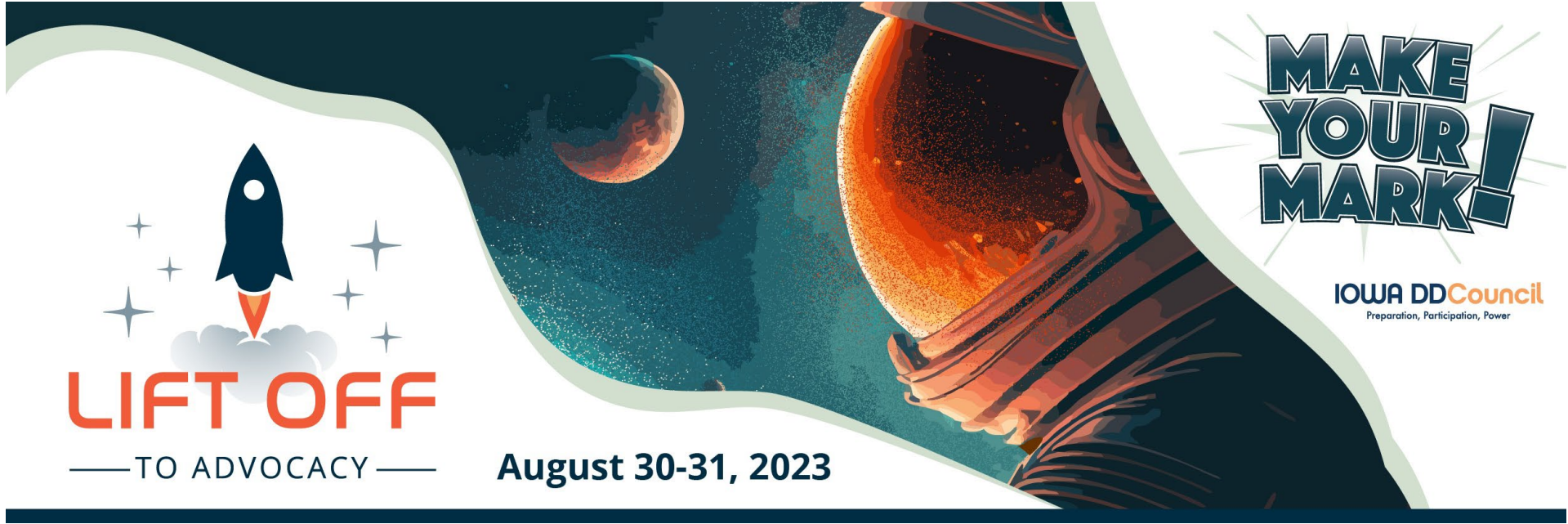


## YLA 2023

### BECOME A VOICE THAT CREATES CHANGE!

- Learn about being a leader
- Connect with your peers
- Develop new lifelong skills
  - Goal setting
  - Self-determination
  - Civic engagement
  - Networking
  - Mentoring

[www.iowaddcouncil.org/programs](http://www.iowaddcouncil.org/programs)



  
**LIFT OFF**  
— TO ADVOCACY —

**August 30-31, 2023**

**MAKE  
YOUR!  
MARK!**

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# Direct Support Professionals (DSPs)

## A Job That Matters

*Learn how you  
could become a  
Direct Support  
Professional*



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**Change people's lives every day,  
including your own**

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# Robert's Advocacy Story



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