



# Council on Developmental Disabilities

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## Council on Developmental Disabilities (CDD) Transparency Plan Updates 2024

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The CDD outlined the following initiatives as part of its transparency plan:

1. Providing more information on the grants CDD funds through the use of videos and participant stories to be posted on its website.

### ***Update – 1.31.24:***

- CDD continues to work with OGS media services and other partners to develop videos to capture stories of grant successes. Videos have been developed on various CDD initiatives including employment and housing. CDD recently completed a video featuring the Master Housing Navigator grant which highlights the Riverview Lofts, an inclusive housing development project in Suffolk County. CDD also released a documentary called “The Path Forward: Remembering Willowbrook.” The documentary highlights the importance of the lessons learned and the positive changes that resulted from the closing of the Willowbrook State School. The documentary has been screened across the State, won various awards, and is featured on the CDD website. In addition, the documentary will be aired on PBS stations during DD Awareness Month in March. <https://cdd.ny.gov/path-forward-0>

In partnership with the NYS Office of New Americans (ONA), CDD will be releasing a video on CDD’s and ONA’s joint efforts to provide developmental disability navigation services for New Americans with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Initial preparations and interviews for the ONA project have commenced. CDD is also in the process of producing a video featuring two self-advocates and their journey to have the support and independence to marry.

- The CDD revised its website so that it is more accessible and features videos of projects. CDD will continue to add to its video library to provide the public with accessible information on grant projects. <https://cdd.ny.gov/>
2. Providing opportunities to CDD Council Members to more collectively and strategically identify the projects it plans to fund over the five years of its State Plan.

***Update – 1.31.24:***

- Council Members work in standing committees and workgroups to put forth recommendations to the Full Council about potential projects to fund. In addition, the CDD provided a mechanism for CDD Members to collectively prioritize projects to be funded, given the finite nature of federal funding. At the February 2023 Full Council meeting, CDD staff presented a list of potential projects (vetted during standing committee meetings) for funding over the five years and sought input from Members on the projects that CDD should prioritize. This input is guiding the ongoing development of grant opportunities including project areas such as housing, employment and transportation. CDD intends on using this process in the future.
3. Creating more workgroups consisting of stakeholders (Council Members, family members, self-advocates) to receive input on future work of the CDD.

***Update – 1.31.24:***

- The CDD established new workgroups on digital equity, disability policy, and communications with its stakeholders, in addition to six active workgroups consisting of Council Members, family members, self-advocates, State agency representatives and other stakeholders to receive input on CDD's work.

**New Transparency Initiatives for 2024**

1. Increasing CDD's presence on social media and communication to further promote and make the public aware of CDD efforts and opportunities.
2. Developing and posting a short video to CDD's website on an annual basis that describes CDD's achievements from the previous year in an accessible manner.
3. Creating videos that highlight accomplishments from some of the Council's larger grant initiatives.
4. Expanding CDD's grantee resource center on the CDD website to increase transparency in the grants management process.