

DD Act History



What is the DD Act?

- The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-402) is usually called the **DD Act** and is federally implemented by the Administration for Community Living, Administration on Disabilities, Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.
- **Title I, Subtitle B in the DD Act explains the function of a Council.**
- DD Councils must include and support people with developmental disabilities and their families to take part in the design of community services and individualized supports and for people with ID/DD to have access to needed community services and individualized supports.
- Services and supports include other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion in all parts of community life.

DD Act Values

Self-Determination – a person's ability to make choices and manage their own life.

Independence – not dependent or subject to control by others.

Productivity – to work or make other contributions to a household or community.

Integration – to have the right to the same opportunities, services, and community resources as other people without disabilities.

Inclusion – to fully take part in learning, living, working, and other community activities.



Game Time!

- We will list a part of the DD Act, you guess if it was added to the DD Act before or after a date



Were states required to prepare plans on deinstitutionalization in their state before or after 1985?

Before! States had to prepare plans on deinstitutionalization in 1975



The DD Act added a focus on capabilities, competencies and preferences as well as needs of people with DD before or after 1980?

After! It was added in 1987



Were independence, productivity and integration expressed in the DD Act before or after 1980?

After! They were expressed in 1984



Councils had to support self-advocacy organizations and leadership training opportunities before or after 1990?

After! It was the year 2000!



The DD Act added values of inclusion and interdependence before or after 1980?

After! Inclusion and interdependence were added in 1990



“Integration and inclusion” became the key principle of the DD Act before or after 2000?

Before! Integration and inclusion became key principles in 1994.



People First language was used
before or after 1990?

Before! It first appeared in 1984



Was the target population expanded to include developmental disabilities beyond intellectual disabilities added before or after 1980?

Before! It was added in 1970 to include cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and other neurological conditions that originate before age 18