# FIELD NOTES JANUARY 2018

# COMPLIANCE CORNER

Federal Reports Update

2017 Program Performance Reports (PPR) will be submitted soon – no firm date for submission has been released at this time.2018 State Plan Updates will be due the same time as the 2017 PPR (date to be announced soon). Please remember, the FY 2019 and FY 2020 Annual Work Plans will be due with the 2018 Update.

ITACC and AIDD staff will conduct webinars to review and discuss the Program Performance Report and the State Plan Update. The dates and times of the webinars will be announced network wide.

Demographic Data

The newly revised Program Performance Report includes demographic data (by goal). Specific elements of the demographic data to be reported include race/ethnicity; gender; geographic; and category (individual with developmental disability or family member).

The geographic data requested is categorized by rural or urban. The US Census Bureau classified a rural area as all population, housing, and territory not included within an urban area. In general, a rural area is a geographic area that is located outside towns and cities. Urban areas have two types: 1) Urbanized areas (50,000 people or more); and Urban Clusters (at least 2,500, but less than 50,000 people). [A County Classification Lookup Table is available for download.](https://www.census.gov/geo/reference/urban-rural.html)

 Performance Measures

[A Performance Measures Guidance document for Council Staff is available.](http://itacchelp.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/2017-DCMWG-Council-Guidance-FINAL.pdf)This resource provides definitions, detailed guidance, and examples of how to collect and use the data in the PPR and the annual work plans. Fiscal year 2019 and 2020 Annual Work plans will be due with the Fiscal year 2018 State plan update and we encourage all Council staff to review this document to assist with the creation of the documents.

On-site Technical Assistance visits can be requested by a DD Council through the Executive Director. Councils can identify areas of training and/or technical assistance that are tailored to meet their specific needs. If your Council is interested in on-site assistance, [please submit a request online](http://itacchelp.org/about-us/ta-faqs/). If you would like to discuss a need, please contact Sheryl ( [smatney@nacdd.org](mailto:smatney@nacdd.org" \t "_blank)or 202-506-5813 ext. 148).

# DIVERSITY, INCLUSION and CULTURAL & LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE

# Upcoming Events and Opportunities

2018 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

SAVE the DATE of [Tuesday, January 23rd at 3:00 PM Eastern Time](http://nacdd.adobeconnect.com/ddam2018/event/registration.html)an informational webinar about DD Awareness Month 2018 where we will reveal the theme, give social media tips and general campaign information. Click below for the link to register for the webinar today!

REMINDER: Disability Learning & Reflection Forums - Registration is Open!

The Georgetown University National Center for Cultural Competence’s Leadership Institute is excited to announce the opening of registration for the first in the 2018 series of Learning and Reflection Forums. Mark your calendar for these dynamic forums and register now by clicking below.

Learning & Reflection Forum #1: Exploring Intersectionality & Multiple Cultural Identities within Developmental Disabilities

January 25, 2018 from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Eastern Time

Learning & Reflection Forum #2 February 22, 2018

Learning & Reflection Forum #3 March 15, 2018

Learning & Reflection Forum #4 April 12, 2018

Congratulations to Spring 2018 DD Council Leadership Academy Participants!

The Leadership Academy is designed to develop and enhance knowledge and skills for leadership that is directed toward change within the social-cultural contexts of the I/DD network. The following participants will represent the DD Council network.

Charles Hughes ~ Mississippi DD Council | Rachel Dyer ~ Maine DD Council

Erin Taylor ~ Oklahoma DD Council

Reminder: If your DD Council was not selected, there will be a second Leadership Academy offered in October 2018. Stay tuned for more information on when to apply.

Policy Seminar ~

Registration for the Disability Policy Seminar opens on January 8, 2018. The DPS will be held at the [Renaissance Washington DC Downtown Hotel.](http://disabilitypolicyseminar.org/hotel-travel/)  [DPS information](http://disabilitypolicyseminar.org/).

The NACDD 2018 Annual Conference Call for Proposals is now open! This year’s theme is “See Me for Me: Connecting with our Communities.” The conference will feature important discussions on how advocates, family members and professionals are interconnected in our communities. Participants will listen to experts, parents, siblings, and self-advocates on topics ranging from education, employment, community building and integration, healthcare and more.

We invite those with knowledge and expertise working in the field of developmental disabilities to submit ideas for presentations related to the theme. All completed submissions are due [February 8, 2018.](https://nacdd.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2018_NACDD_Conference_Call_for_Papers.pdf)

# DD Network News

Happy New Year DD Council Network

Recent frigid temperatures that plagued much of the nation is a stark reminder that emergency situations happen in all seasons of the year. Whether hurricanes, fires, blizzards, floods or man-made emergencies, all can be highly problematic for individuals with intellectual and or developmental disabilities and their families. As you may know, the states and territories that were recently impacted by this Fall’s hurricanes are still recovering and in places like Puerto Rico, will continue to be in dire situations until this Spring. We are still learning lessons on what we can do to better prepare for and navigate during such disasters. NACDD is continuing to work with the Administration for Community Living (ACL), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to improve communications and procedures so that in the future we can work more seamlessly to identify the needs of people with DD and their families as well as provide better support for our Councils on Developmental Disabilities.

Over the coming months NACDD will work on putting together a tool box that will assist Councils in in preparing in advance for potential emergencies as well as how to respond and craft partnerships to manage during and after an emergency. We look forward to working with many of you to learn what was problematic for you in the past and what were your best strategies for solving problems. While we can’t guarantee that future emergencies won’t happen (indeed the surely will!) we can do the best job we possibly can in helping you through the tough times.

Meanwhile, I wish you all a very happy New Year and welcome to 2018!

*Donna*

# Council Highlight – Maryland

Impacting Employment through TIP Grant Opportunities

The Transforming & Improving Practices (TIP) initiative provides funding for experts to assist service providers working with hundreds of people with developmental disabilities and their families around the state. They are improving the way people with developmental disabilities are supported to get and keep jobs in their communities. Providers are learning to create supports in the community that are individualized and lead to better employment outcomes. As a result, more people with developmental disabilities will have jobs of their choice and make more money. For more information:

[Impact Summary on Employment](http://www.md-council.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/NEW-LOGO-MDDC-impact-on-employment-fact-sheet.pdf)

[TIP Funded Initiatives](http://files.constantcontact.com/66a22ea8401/6126b2da-987d-4996-9e2f-aca1937a31ba.pdf)

﻿" This grant is enabling us to better support the individuals we serve and ensure our team has access to tremendous subject matter experts."

[Click below](http://www.md-council.org/tip-grant-results/) to read about the results that are improving employment and community-based outcomes for people with developmental disabilities.

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