**Boards and Committees in DC**

This is a partial list of selected Boards and Commissions in DC that have a focus on or are important for disability issues. Often information changes faster than websites so you may find some errors. We will be glad to help you get connected if that happens. And if the website does not indicate openings on their Boards or Committees you can check with them directly. Ask about openings and when to apply. The following three links will tell you about Mayoral appointment to Boards and Commissions that do not require City Council confirmation, those appointments that do require council confirmation, and information about serving on Boards and Commissions.

Mayor’s Office or Talent and Appointments, no City Council confirmation required: <http://mota.dc.gov/direct-appointments>

Mayoral Appointments That Require Council Confirmation: <http://mota.dc.gov/councilconsent-appointments>

This is a list of the current openings on DC Boards and Commissions: <http://motaboards.theresumator.com/apply>

This link will take you to a page that discusses serving on a Board or Commission: <http://mota.dc.gov/page/serving-board-or-commission>

Information about getting a Board or Commission appointment: <http://dcra.dc.gov/service/get-appointed-professional-board>

**Statewide Health Coordinating Council**

Advise and make recommendations to the Office of Health Systems Development (OHSD) on the development of the proposed comprehensive Health System Plan (HSP). Assist the OHSD in developing the HSP; and review and make recommendations to OHSD on an application for a certificate of need. Fifteen DC residents appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council: four consumers of health care services who are not affiliated with any health care provider or facility.

Website: <http://motaboards.theresumator.com/apply/UTYN4f/Statewide-Health-Coordinating-Council>

Address: 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 302, Washington, DC 20004

Phone: (202) 727-1372

Fax: (202) 727-2359

Email: [boards.commissions@dc.gov](mailto:boards.commissions@dc.gov)

**Child and Youth Investment Trust Corporation, Board of Director**s

The DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation is the primary resource for

developing partnerships that expand and improve services and opportunities for children and youth in the District of Columbia, especially during their time out of school.  The partnerships include public schools, city agencies, and employers, including non-profit

Website: <http://dctrust.org/about/>

Address: 1400 16th Street, NW Suite 500

Washington, DC 20036

**Citizen Review Panel: Child Abuse and Neglect**

The Citizen Review Panel (CRP) is a federally mandated group of citizens who serve as

an external, independent oversight body for the District's child welfare system.  The CRP evaluates the strengths and weaknesses of District government agencies involved in child protection as well as neighborhood-based services provided by organizations under contract with the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA). The Panel examines the policies, practices, and procedures of CFSA and any other District government agency that provides services to children at risk of abuse and neglect, or to children under the care of CFSA, including the review of specific child cases. Based on this monitoring, the Panel evaluates the extent to which agencies that serve children at risk of abuse or neglect, or that are responsible for children in foster care, are effectively discharging their child protection responsibilities.

Website: <http://www.dc-crp.org>/

Address: 714 G Street, SE

Washington, DC  20003

Email: [ccpfs@centerchildprotection.org](mailto:ccpfs@centerchildprotection.org)

**Commission of Persons with Disabilities**

The Commission serves as an advisory body to inform and advise the District on programs, services, facilities, and activities that impact the lives of residents with disabilities in the District of Columbia.  The Commission is committed to enhancing the image, status, inclusion, and quality of life for all District of Columbia residents, visitors, and employees with disabilities, and ensuring that they have the same rights and opportunities as those without disabilities. We are working on community outreach and have established advisory subcommittees on accessible transportation, assistive technology, job creation, adequate housing and the enhancement of independent living skills.  We’re conducting community forums on topics of interest to our constituency, including transportation and health.  We meet with District and private-sector providers of disability services, and generally work toward fuller participation of people with disabilities

Website: <http://odr.dc.gov/page/dc-commission-persons-disabilities>

Address: 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 729 North, Washington, DC 20001

Phone: (202) 724-5055

Fax: (202) 727-9484

TTY: (202) 727-3363

Email: [odr@dc.gov](mailto:odr@dc.gov)

**Developmental Disabilities Fatalities Review Committee**

The purpose of the DC CFR Committee is to prevent child deaths and improve child, youth and family service delivery systems. The committee compiles a report to provide the information and tools necessary to advocate for the best possible healthcare and outcomes for people with developmental disabilities, ensuring a good quality of life.

Website: <http://motaboards.theresumator.com/apply/NZIsGr/Developmental-Disabilities-Fatality-Review-Committee>

Address: 1125 15th Street, NW Washington, DC 20005

Phone: (202) 730-1700

Email: [dds@dc.gov](mailto:dds@dc.gov)

**Developmental Disabilities State Planning Council**

This is DC Advocacy Partners’ sponsor.

The Developmental Disabilities Council of the District of Columbia seeks to strengthen the voice of people with developmental disabilities and their families in DC in support of

greater independence, inclusion, empowerment and the pursuit of life as they choose.  We strive to create change that eliminates discrimination and removes barriers to full inclusion through our advocacy.

Website: <http://ddc.dc.gov>/

Address: One Judiciary Square

441 4th Street, NW, 729 North, Washington, DC 20001

Phone: 202-727-6744

**State Mental Health Partnership Council**

The purpose of the planning councils in each State and Territory is to meaningfully involve concerned citizens in planning and evaluating the mental health service delivery in their states. Defined by Federal law, these councils:

* Review community mental health block grant plans and make recommendations to the State administration.
* Monitor, review and evaluate all mental health services throughout the State

or Territory.

* Serve as advocates for adults with serious mental illnesses, children with
* severe emotional disturbances, and others with mental health needs.

Website: <http://dbh.dc.gov/service/partnership-council>

Address: 64 New York Avenue, NE, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20002

Phone: (202) 673-7440

Fax: (202) 673-3433

Email: [dmh@dc.gov](mailto:dmh@dc.gov)

**State Rehabilitation Council**

The task of the council is to act in an advisory capacity to the Administrator of the

Rehabilitation Services Administration on the provision of vocational rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities in the District of Columbia. Advise the Administrator on the extent, scope, and effectiveness of services provided; advise the Rehabilitation

Services Administration on the functions that affect or potentially affect the ability of individuals with disabilities in achieving their rehabilitation goals and objectives under

Title I of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; provide advice to the

Rehabilitation Services Administration on the State Plan, the strategic plan, and amendments to the plans, reports, needs assessments, and evaluations.

Website: <http://dds.dc.gov/page/dc-state-rehabilitation-council>

Address: 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 302, Washington, DC 20004

Phone: (202) 727-1372

Fax: (202) 727-2359

Email: [boards.commissions@dc.gov](mailto:boards.commissions@dc.gov)

**Statewide Independent Living Council**

The SILC advises the administrator of Rehabilitation Service Administration and assures participation of District citizens with disabilities in the planning and

development of vocational rehabilitation and independent living services. They also develop the State Plan and monitor, review, and evaluate its implementation; coordinate with the State Rehabilitation Advisory Council and other councils that address the needs of specific disability population and issues; evaluate and monitor the overall service delivery system of the DC Center for Independent Living, Inc.

Website: <http://dds.dc.gov/page/statewide-independent-living-council>

Dahlia Johnson, SILC Administrative Assistant

1125 15th Street, NW

Washington, DC 2005

FAX: 202-442-8725

EMAIL: [dcsilc@msn.com](mailto:dcsilc@msn.com)

**United Planning Organization Board**

This community action agency for Washington, DC, was established to plan, coordinate, and implement human services programs for low-income residents in the

Nation's Capital. For over 50 years, UPO has been in the forefront of the war on poverty. As the catalyst for economic security and growth for all Washington, DC residents, UPO has laid the groundwork for innovative social service programs such as weatherization and energy conservation services, Head Start, workforce development

training and youth development. Today, UPO continues to provide residents with comprehensive resources for early childhood education; youth development; employment and training; family and community services; case management and referrals to other supportive services.The Board oversees this organization.

Website: <https://www.upo.org/programs-services/>

Address: 301 Rhode Island Ave, NW Washington DC 20001

Phone: 202-238-4609

Email:  [info@upo.org](mailto:info@upo.org)

**Mayor’s Interfaith Council**

The Interfaith Council advises the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Mayor's

Director for Religious Affairs, and the Mayor's Cabinet, on various matters that affect the spiritual, faith and religious well-being of all the residents of the District of Columbia as well as advising the Mayor in creating and maintaining a spiritual perspective when setting goals and casting the vision for the District. The Interfaith Council serves as a liaison between the Mayor and the faith community by making recommendations on developing, expanding, or fostering public-private partnerships and linkages between the District and faith-related organizations using grant, District, federal, foundation, or private funding sources.  The Interfaith Council advise on the methods of identifying and meeting social service needs and serve as a forum for public comments and views on existing and planned proposals for faith community policies, programs, resources and activities.

Website: <http://ora.dc.gov/page/mayors-interfaith-council>

Address: 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

Phone: (202) 727-6300 (Mayor’s office)

**Comprehensive Housing Strategy Task Force**

The goal of the Comprehensive Housing Strategy Task Force is to help city leaders ensure the creation of more affordable housing for residents of the District of Columbia.

Every D.C. resident deserves a decent, safe and affordable place to live, and this goal can prove challenging to reach in dense, fast-growing cities like DC. The work of this

Task Force will help make these efforts more achievable for all residents. This task force is appointed every few years to write a plan. Once the plan is developed, the task force is disbanded. The last task force group was in 2012. You can ask about plans for a new task force.

Phone: (202) 727-6300 (Mayor’s Office)

**Taxicab Commission Disability Advisory Committee**

The Taxicab Disability Advisory Committee’s mandate is to review and advise the DC TC on how to make taxicab service in the District more accessible for individuals with disabilities. The produce an annual repost to the Mayor and City Council on the access of taxi service in the District, and how it can be further improved. The committee considers the need for access to all for-hire vehicle services in the District, including taxis and transportation network companies for people with disabilities and older adults.

Website: <http://dctaxi.dc.gov/page/disability-advisory-committee>

Address: 2235 Shannon Place SE, Executive suite 2001, Washington DC 20020

Phone: 202-645-6018

**DC Disability Organizations Who Have Boards of Directors**

You can check the websites or contact them to find out about openings on their Boards.

**Quality Trust**

The vision of Quality Trust is a community where everyone is respected, belongs, contributes, is valued and shapes his or her own present and future. Quality Trust's mission is to be an independent catalyst for change in the lives of people of all ages with developmental disabilities. We partner with people and their families so they can succeed, thrive and experience full membership in the communities they choose. We work with individuals and family members to solve problems, identify opportunities for learning and contribution and find creative ways to minimize "differences" and make the most of each person's abilities.

Website: <http://www.dcqualitytrust.org/about-us/>

Address: 4301 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 310, Washington, DC 20008

Phone: (202) 448-1450

Fax: (202) 448-1451

Email: [info@dcqualitytrust.org](mailto:info@dcqualitytrust.org)

**Parents Advocacy Leaders Group (PALS) Board**

Parent Advocate Leaders Support Group (PALS) is a community-based peer outreach program designed to provide advocacy training, peer support, and mentoring to parents of children with special needs. The focus of PALS is to build a community-based source of services which can provide family support to parents of children with special needs and establish a parent network, with linkages to collaborating organizations. Trainings conducted by HSCSN Community Partners are an integral part of PALS meetings, providing instruction and direction on family rights, access to services for children with special needs, and navigation through health and educational systems. Through these resources, parents are able to provide emotional support, share knowledge and skills to help other parents become more informed and actively involved in the health care of

Website: <http://www.hscsn-net.org/node/31>

Address: HSC Pediatric Center, 1731 Bunker Hill Rd, NE, Washington, DC 20017

**Community Services Advisory Committee (Health Services for Children with Special Needs)**

The committee provides recommendations to Health Services for Children with Special

Needs, Inc. (HSCSN) to advise HSCSN on all aspects of enrollee services, and foster, promote and improve relationships and services for youth and young adults with special

needs, their families and communities, and all other stakeholders.

Website: <http://www.hscsn-net.org/node/27>

Address: HSC Pediatric Center, 1731 Bunker Hill Road, NE, Washington, DC 20017

Phone: 202-467-2708

**Advocates for Justice and Education (Parent Training and Information Center)**

The Parent Training and Information Center is a comprehensive resource library and training center. The Center offers parents information on the laws of special education, specific disabilities, the latest research on treatment and interventions and adaptive technology. This resource center is especially critical to our work, as it is located in a low-income community that traditionally would not have had access to this information.

Training and advocacy sessions are specifically designed to: clarify legal obligationsand rights; assist parents and advocates in the preparing for educational meetings and conferences; and to orient the individual on the various services available for children with special needs. An important component of AJE’s mission is to empower parents to be effective advocates for their children.

Website: <http://www.aje-dc.org>/

Application for Board: <http://www.aje-dc.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/AJE-Board-of-Directors-Application.pdf>

Address: 1012 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Washington DC 20003

Phone: 202-678-8060

Email: [weade.wallace@aje-dc.org](mailto:weade.wallace@aje-dc.org)

**The Arc DC**

Our mission is to improve the quality of life of all persons with intellectual and

developmental disabilities and their families through supports and advocacy.

We envision a society in which individuals with intellectual and developmental

disabilities exercise their rights and are afforded a full set of opportunities and choices

that enable them to contribute and have impact in the community.

Website: <http://arcdc.net/index.php/about-us/>

Address: 415 Michigan Ave, NE, Washington DC 20017

Phone: 202-636-2950

Email: [arc@arcdc.net](mailto:arc@arcdc.net)

**Art Enables**

Very often people with developmental disabilities are better able to express themselves in images than in words. Art Enables is focused on just such a group: thirty-some artists

whose disabilities include but are not limited to Down syndrome, autism, traumatic brain

injury, bipolar disorder. Their ages range from 24 to 72. They are African-American, Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, Arab. Art Enables gives them the resources and supports they need to become visual artists. Their artwork is exhibited and sold at the studio, at host venues and via the web site. They earn 60% of revenue from sales. They have a chance to tell their stories, and they find people eager to listen.

Website: <http://www.art-enables.org/arts/about-us/>

Address: 2204 Rhode Island Ave, NE, Washington DE 2001855

Phone: 202-554-9455

Email: [mliniger@art-enables.org](mailto:mliniger@art-enables.org)

**DC Health Resources Partnership (Georgetown University Center for Child and**

**Human Development)**

The goal of the D.C. Health Resources Partnership is to expand the community health care capacity to provide health and mental health services that are accessible to

individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, and to implement strategies to promote quality health outcomes for this population.

Website: <http://gucchd.georgetown.edu>/

Address: Center for Child and Human Development, Georgetown University

3300 Whitehaven Street, NW, Suite 3300 Washington, DC 20007

Phone: 202-687-5000

Fax: 202-687-8899

E-mail: [gucdc@georgetown.edu](mailto:gucdc@georgetown.edu)

**Special Olympics DC**

Special Olympics D.C. is a non-profit organization providing quality sports and fitness opportunities for citizens with intellectual disabilities in the District of Columbia. These programs enable participants to challenge themselves, lead healthier lives, experience success, and receive positive reinforcement for their efforts.

Website: <http://www.specialolympicsdc.org>/

Address: 900 Second St, Suite 200, Washington DC 20002

Phone: 202-408-2640

Fax: 202-408-2646

Email: [shocker@specialolympicsdc.org](mailto:shocker@specialolympicsdc.org)

**Easter Seals of Greater Washington/Baltimore**

Easter Seals provides services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs, including military, wounded warriors, veterans and their families, have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities.

Website: <http://www.easterseals.com/DCMDVA/who-we-are/>

Address: 1420 Spring St., Silver Spring, MD 20910

Phone: 301-588-8700

**HSC Foundation**

The HSC Foundation is dedicated to improving access to services for individuals who face social and health care barriers due to disability, chronic illness, or other circumstances that present unique needs. They have a number of different programs such as the HSC Youth Transitions Collaborative.

Website: <http://www.hscfoundation.org/HSC_Foundation_Home>

Address: 2013 H St., NW, Suite 300, Washington DC 20006

Phone: 202-454-1220

Fax: 202-454-1251

Email: [info@hscfoundation.org](mailto:info@hscfoundation.org)

**Inclusion Research Institute**

The primary mission of IRI is to research, develop and disseminate innovations that enable persons of all ages, including individuals with disabilities or other disadvantages, to be independent, productive and included in schools, communities, and places of employment.

Website: <http://www.inclusionresearch.org>/

Address: 1324 G St., SE, Washington DC 20003

Phone: 202-338-7158

Fax: 202-338-7158

Email: [info@inclusionresearch.org](mailto:info@inclusionresearch.org)

**Project Action**

Project ACTION! is a coalition of self-advocates and self-advocacy groups from the

District of Columbia and surrounding areas. ACTION! stands for Advocacy, Change,

Training, Information, Organizing, and Networking!

Website: <http://www.dcqualitytrust.org/families/join-project-action/>

Address: 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20015

Phone: 202-448-1458 or 202-459-4003