

State Plan Development

How we got here and what comes next

Why the State Plan Matters

Guides the Council's work for five years

Reflects Council values and priorities

Required for federal funding and approval

State Plan Development Timeline

Where we started, where we are now, and what comes next

What We've Accomplished Together

Listening and learning

Comprehensive Review and Analysis (CRA)

Statewide community survey

Data and gap review

Setting direction

Council priorities identified

Goals and objectives shaped

Funding considerations discussed

Where We Are Right Now

Draft State Plan had been developed based on guidance from the Council October 2025 and January 2026

Goals, objectives, and activities are aligned

What's Coming Next (and Council's role)

Council review of draft State Plan

Approval to release for public comment

Review of public input

Final approval and submission

STATE PLAN DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE



Council Direction — January 2026 Review

Priority focus areas affirmed

Revisions requested to goals & objectives

Guidance provided on scope, alignment, clarity and action

How Staff Applied Council Guidance

Refined advocacy outcomes based on Council priorities

Strengthened systems change framing

Aligned activities to funding realities

Adjusted scope and timelines

How Council Input Strengthened Advocacy (Goal 1)

Shifted from coordination → coordinated action

Emphasized shared priorities, aligned strategies, and measurable advocacy outcomes

Expanded youth & peer advocacy

Strengthened leadership pathways across the lifespan

Centered lived experience

Elevated self-advocate voice in planning and implementation

Added sexual health advocacy focus

Framed as rights-based education tied to autonomy, consent, and informed choice

How Council Input Clarified Systems Change (Goal 2)

Highlighted navigation barriers

Addressed complexity across DD, behavioral health, education, aging, and justice systems

Strengthened wraparound approaches

Integrated cross-system coordination strategies

Elevated smaller providers

Recognized role of community-based and culturally responsive partners

Added systems mapping tools

Plain-language tools through Informing Families to support lifespan navigation

How Council Input Expanded Capacity Building (Goal 3)

Broadened definition of capacity

Aligned with DD Act focus on long-term sustainability

Emphasized community infrastructure

Workforce, housing, health, and aging supports integrated

Strengthened innovation focus

Encouraged forward-looking community solutions

Reinforced sexual health supports

Positioned within safety, readiness, and lifespan wellbeing

Council Input Strengthened the Plan's Voice

Shifted to people-centered language

Moved away from generic systems terminology

Elevated lived experience

Embedded throughout goals and strategies

Reinforced partnership framing

Highlighted shared responsibility across stakeholders

Aligned tone with Council values

Listening first, reducing silos, translating coordination into action

Where the Draft Stands Now

Draft reflects Council guidance

Goals, objectives, and activities aligned

Positioned for broader community input

Council Action Today

Review refined draft State Plan

Vote to approve release for public comment

Direct staff to post and facilitate comment period

What Happens After the Vote

Public comment period opens

Input reviewed and incorporated

Final Council approval

Submission to ACL for federal approval