



CURRENT INITIATIVES 2015

CT Council on Developmental Disabilities

1. **Name: Emergency Preparedness Training for People with Access and Functional Needs**

Grantee: New Britain Emergency Medical Services , Year Three

Funding: \$7,200 **Dates:** January 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015

Priority area: Health - Emergency Medical Services Pilot Project

To support the distribution of training materials in an array of organizations and communities, providing participant manuals for a total of 300 to 500 people throughout the state. These materials, known as The Readys, will improve the readiness of municipalities and people with disabilities to respond in emergency situations, to develop community planning councils that effectively engage consumers in planning emergency response, and to implement training in an array of organizations and communities across the state.

2. **Name: Creating a Framework to Improve School Climate for Students with Disabilities**

Grantee: Governor's Prevention Partnership, Year Two

Funding: \$60,000 **Dates:** January 1, 2015 to October 30, 2015

Priority area: Education - Bullying in the Schools

To develop, implement and evaluate a project to improve school climate for students with disabilities which will mitigate bullying and harassment of students with disabilities.

3. **Name: On Demand Transportation**

Grantee: The Kennedy Center, Inc.

Funding: \$60,000 **Dates:** January 1, 2015 to July 31, 2015

Priority Area: Transportation

To conduct a feasibility study/plan which takes an in-depth look at the gaps and barriers people with disabilities face and conduct a thorough analysis of creative solutions to remove the barriers, thereby improving community access. The goal of this project is to

provide reliable affordable accessible transportation services to people with disabilities so that they will have the same opportunities to live, work and play as other community members. This may lead to funding for a two year pilot project for on-demand transportation.

4. Name: Youth Leadership: CT KASA (Kids as Self-Advocates)

Grantee: PATH/Parent to Parent/Family Voices of CT

Funding: \$15,000 **Dates:** January 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015

Priority area: Self Advocacy and Leadership

To support the re-development of CT KASA (Kids As Self Advocates) a youth led leadership development initiative for youth ages 14 to 22.

5. Name: Parents With Cognitive Limitations

Grantee: Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut

Funding: \$20,000 **Dates:** October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015

Priority Area: Self Advocacy

To: (1) Convene a follow-up forum/symposium to the International Conference held in October 2013; (2) Develop a curriculum to address judges and other court personnel whose decisions have major impacts on these families and (3) Assess the impact of the "Identifying and Working with Parents with Cognitive Limitations" training in a scientifically rigorous manner.

6. Name: Community Connector

Grantee: ARC CT

Funding: \$18,687 **Dates:** January 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015

Priority area: Housing

To design a mechanism of family support that will create a stable, easy to navigate system for accessing housing resources, funding and supports.

7. Name: Housing Matters

Grantee: ARC CT

Funding: \$40,378 **Dates:** January 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015

Priority area: Housing

To create an innovative integrated community in which individuals with IDD can realize their right to live, work and play in an accessible community of their choosing and to create a road map for the development of other such communities.

8. Name: Consumer Involvement Fund

Grantee: Council on Developmental Disabilities Initiative

Funding: \$5,000 **Dates:** January 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015

Priority area: Self Advocacy and Leadership

To provide financial assistance for self-advocates and family members to attend conferences and meetings that will grow their leadership skills and knowledge.

9. Name: Partners in Policymaking

Grantee: Council on Developmental Disabilities Initiative with the DD Network (OPA and the UCEDD)

Funding: \$60,000 **Dates:** January 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015

Priority area: Self Advocacy and Leadership

To provide a self advocacy leadership training program over a period of 8 months, including an advocacy project.

For more information on any of these projects contact :

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