**Arkansas Disability Policy Consortium Board Overview and Application**

**Overview**

The Arkansas Disability Policy Consortium is a non-profit organization of volunteers who work to ensure the meaningful participation of individuals with disabilities and their families in determining policies that will empower them to work towards a stronger, more inclusive and economically independent way of life. The board is made up of individuals from various organizations, self-advocates, and parents of individuals with disabilities. Every biennium, the Consortium holds a policy summit where individuals with disabilities, their families, and organizations serving people with disabilities are all invited to come together to discuss and learn about policies impacting their daily lives.

**Goals**

We would like to grow ADPC to not only host the Summit and Candidate Forum but also equip people with disabilities, their families, caregivers, and disability service providers to educate legislators about their needs, share their concerns with others, as well as share year-round resources that advance disability policy in Arkansas.

**Board Needs & Responsibilities**

ADPC needs people who are interested in participating on our board to identify what to share, disseminate information, help plan the Summit, Candidate Forum, and lobby. According to our bylaws, the board will consist of 15 members elected for a 3-year term. High Priority will be given to cross-disability representation on the Board, with consideration also given to racial, geographic, gender, and socio-economic diversity. The Board does meet quarterly, unless planning events and activities. Duties include:

1. Establish organizational policies.
2. Develop goals and objectives for the Organizational Strategic Plan.
3. Approve the budget.
4. Conduct a review of the bylaws, financial, and personnel policies.
5. Participate in at least one committee or sub-committee.
6. Create and dissolve committees as needed.

**Arkansas Disability Policy Platform**

People with disabilities have the right to live, learn, work, and play freely in Arkansas. For that to happen our State must commit to providing quality, inclusive home and community-based services that address:

* The catastrophic direct support workforce shortage.
* Individual’s right to make decisions about one’s own life.
* Safe, affordable, and accessible housing.
* Opportunities for real work for real pay.
* Safe, comprehensive, inclusive education for every student.

Resolving these issues will empower Arkansans with disabilities to fully participate in life in the Natural State.

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Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Title/Organization, if applicable: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Please answer the following:**

1. Explain your experience with people who have disabilities and/or family members with disabilities?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. How do you represent people with disabilities?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What experiences do you have serving on community boards or commissions?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Discuss your interest in serving on the Board of Directors.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Optional information which will be helpful to board diversity:**

Are you a person with a disability?  Yes  No

Are you a parent/guardian/family member of a person with a disability?

Yes  No

Sex?  Male  Female  Other

Race?  White  Black  Asian  American Indian  Hispanic/Latino  Two or more  Other  Unknown

Signature: Click or tap here to enter text.

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