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**Arkansas Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities Extends Disability Inclusion Survey Deadline to Dec. 31**

*Arkansas employers can complete the survey now through the end of the year*

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark.** (Oct. 26, 2021) — The Arkansas Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (the Council) announced it has extended the deadline for its disability inclusion survey; Arkansas employers are encouraged to complete the survey now through Friday, Dec. 31.

Every October, the Council celebrates National Disability Employment Awareness Month as a time to increase awareness of the need for Arkansas-based employers to employ more inclusively and the plethora of resources available. This year, the Council launched a statewide disability inclusion survey for all Arkansas-based employers to learn more about the state's current inclusive and equitable hiring practices for those living with developmental disabilities (DD).

"We want to thank all of our partners and businesses across the state who have taken the time to complete our disability inclusion survey," said Jon Taylor, executive director of the Council. "In an effort to bring vital resources to help employers improve their inclusive and equitable hiring practices, this survey will provide us with valuable insights on how we can support our future workforce. We want to invite employers across the state to be a part of the change and complete our survey that is open throughout the end of the year."

The Council works to improve the independence and productivity of Arkansans with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to ensure their integration and inclusion into communities across the state. This survey is a part of the Council's initiative to provide vital resources for companies to have the support they need to improve their inclusive and equitable hiring practices.

The disability inclusion survey is available online for employers to complete through Friday, Dec. 31, 2021, at [bit.ly/GCDDEmployerSurvey](https://bit.ly/GCDDEmployerSurvey).

**About The Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities**

The Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities is a member of the National

Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD). The Council's purpose is to connect people with developmental disabilities to the resources and programs they need to be independent, be productive and be integrated and included in all parts of community life. GCDD, along with network partners, works to implement the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act in Arkansas to assure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of community services that allow increased opportunities to live and work locally. GCDD is funded by a grant from the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Community Living \(ACL\)](#) through the Administration on Disability's Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (OIDD). Learn more at [GCDD.Arkansas.gov](http://GCDD.Arkansas.gov).

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