

**THE COUNCIL'S MISSION  
STATEMENT**

*To advocate for Putnam County  
Services so that all persons with  
disabilities may participate in the  
community as they desire.*

*Putnam County Coordinating Council  
For People with Disabilities*

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COORDINATING COUNCIL  
FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Under the auspices of:  
The Putnam County Legislature  
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Putnam County Executive



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## **Why does the County have this Council?**

- To serve as a forum for people with disabilities to be heard in the community.
- To assist County lawmakers to set policy and provisions consistent with the needs of residents with disabilities.

## **How does the Council help?**

- The Council advocates for anyone with a disability as is defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act. This includes anyone from birth to senior citizen, and his or her caregiver. The Council is a volunteer organization, and therefore receives no fee for rendering its assistance.

## **What kinds of issues does the Council typically work on?**

- The Council devotes much of its time to problems that residents with disabilities encounter in this county every day. Accessible, affordable, and available transportation is one issue. Appropriate day programs and living arrangements for people with disabilities is another. The Council is also addressing enforcement of accessible parking and removal of physical barriers in the County.

## **What does the Council do?**

The Council advises and assists the Legislature and the County Executive as well as local town boards and agencies to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities. These efforts include:

- Supporting and promoting community awareness relative to the American with Disabilities Act and any other relevant legislative acts.
- Assisting in identifying the needs of people with disabilities.
- Cooperating with government and not-for-profit agencies that plan and implement programs for people with disabilities.
- Supporting volunteer programs in the community that provide services to people with disabilities.
- Providing a mechanism for people with disabilities to meet with and seek assistance from government and private agencies.



We come together to lend each other a helping hand on issues and concerns when needed.

## **Who serves on the Council?**

The Council consists of up to 15 residents of Putnam County who are interested in the welfare of people who experience disabilities. The members have been nominated by the Council, and are appointed by the Putnam County Legislature. All of our members experience a disability, are parents or a relative of someone with a disability, or work in the field of disabilities.

The Council meets regularly on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the County Office Building in Carmel. Members serve for three year terms. Any adult resident may apply to become a member of the Council. Sub-committees are open to all people of any age.

All meetings are open to the public. Please call and confirm where and when the next Council meeting will take place.

### **For more information call:**

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