



The Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council supports the following principles as a guide in the provision of office and meeting space. Considerations include physical space, public and private transportation access to buildings, and individual member dignity, and personal and cultural preferences for the environment. In addition, there are public perception considerations regarding the independence of the Council and being in a non-service providing location. The D.D. Act provides support for the specific principles of the Colorado Council.

- Meeting and office space should not be in a building that provides services in order to dovetail with the following provisions of the D.D. Act and parameters of conflict of interest principles. The Act talks to the Designated State Agency, however, the Colorado Council carries this principle additionally to the location of meeting space. Section 125 of the Act.

(c) POLICY. -It is the policy of the United States that all programs, projects, and activities receiving assistance under this title shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the principles that-

(2) DESIGNATION. -

(A) TYPE OF AGENCY. -Except as provided in this sub-section, the designated State agency shall be-

(i) The Council if such Council may be the designated State agency under the laws of the State;

(ii) A State agency that does not provide or pay for services for individuals with developmental disabilities; or

(iii) A State office, including the immediate office of the Governor of the State or a State planning office.

Section 125

(B) CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUATION OF STATE SERVICE AGENCY DESIGNATION.-

- (i) DESIGNATION BEFORE ENACTMENT. -If a State agency that provides or pays for services for individuals with developmental disabilities was a designated State agency for purposes of part B of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act on the date of enactment of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and*

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Bill of Rights Act Amendments of 1994, and the Governor of the State (or the legislature, where appropriate and in accordance with State law) determines prior to June 30, 1994, not to change the designation of such agency, such agency may continue to be a designated State agency for purposes of this subtitle.

- Meeting and office space should provide for consistency, reliability and predictability to assure attendance and appropriate accommodations for all individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Meeting and office space should provide for accommodations for physical access per ADA space requirements including room to maneuver in any area of the office or meeting space.
- Meeting and office space should provide for disabilities including those of sensory and perceptual characteristics such as visual distractibility being minimized, full spectrum lighting, allergy, and noise considerations.
- Meeting and office space should provide an environment in which parents are comfortable with bringing children with and without disabilities to the space.

(c) POLICY. -It is the policy of the United States that all programs, projects, and activities receiving assistance under this title shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the principles that-

(4) Services, supports, and other assistance should be provided in a manner that demonstrates respect for individual dignity, personal preferences, and cultural differences; (1) IN GENERAL. -Each State that receives assistance under this subtitle shall designate a State agency that shall, on behalf of the State, provide support to the Council. After the date of enactment of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act Amendments of 1994 (Public Law 103-230), any designation of a State agency under this paragraph shall be made in accordance with the requirements of this subsection.

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