



# Nisonger Center

## Community Advisory Committee

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# What does the DD Act say About the Purpose of the CAC?

- Advise the UCEDD director
- Provide guidance and feedback in the development of the 5-year plan
- Each year, provide guidance and feedback on how the UCEDD is doing with their 5-year plan



# What does the DD Act say About the Members of the CAC?

The majority (over half) must be individuals with developmental and related disabilities and family members, such as:

- Parents
- Siblings
- Grandparents
- Step-parents
- Aunts
- Uncles
- Nieces
- Nephews



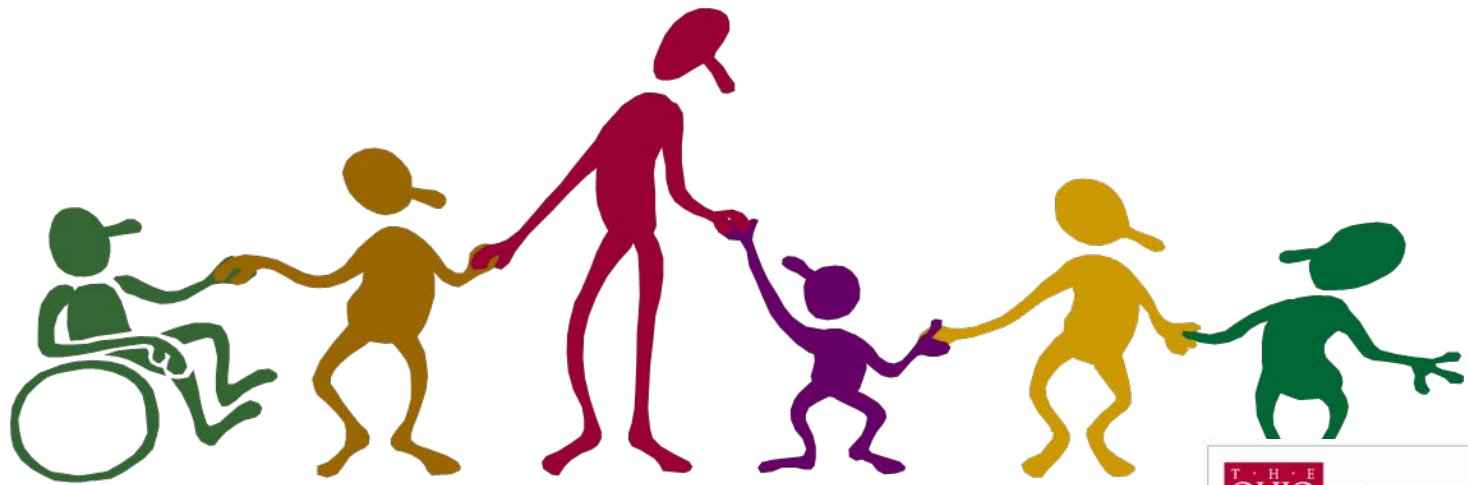
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The CAC must also include representatives from:

- State P&A
- State DD Council
- Other UCEDDs in state
- Self-Advocacy organization
- Organizations such as:
  - Parent and Training Information Center
  - Those carrying out the Assistive Technology Act
  - Relevant State Agencies
  - Community groups concerned with people with developmental disabilities and their family members

# What does the DD Act say About the Members of the CAC?

The members of the CAC must reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the state



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# What is the Basic Role of a CAC?

- Advise and guide the work of the UCEDD
- Help create and move toward the vision of the UCEDD
- Contribute to compliance of the UCEDD with the DD Act: the function (and make up) of CACs is required by law
- Serve as an informal bridge between the community and the university in our state

