

What is the Consumer Involvement Fund?

The Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council assists advocates in the field of developmental disabilities to participate in conferences and short-term educational programs.

This support is provided to build community capacity in Oklahoma. It is our expectation that advocates share information learned. This information exchange increases knowledge in Oklahoma and ultimately improves services for persons with developmental disabilities.

Who can apply to the Consumer Involvement Fund?

- Persons with disabilities
- Immediate family members: parent, sibling, child, spouse or guardian
- Service providers or educators who demonstrate that their organization cannot fund the request
- Active graduates of Oklahoma Partners in Policymaking or Oklahoma Youth Leadership Forum

Note: The Council will fund no more than one request per individual or family every two years.

How much assistance can I request?

Maximum CIF requests may not exceed \$1000 for individuals, or \$2000 per family. For a family to receive full funding, there must be a relevant reason for attendance such as a conference track on siblings or a clinical or experiential opportunity with an expert in the field.

The Council requires persons attending a conference with CIF support to provide at least 25 percent of costs from personal funds or a



The Mission of the Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council is to lead and advocate for systems change in the field of developmental disabilities, leverage collaborations and partnerships toward improved services and supports for Oklahomans with developmental disabilities, and promote positive perceptions and attitudes toward people with developmental disabilities.