

DIDD Statewide Planning and Policy Council (SPPC)  
Established pursuant to TCA 33-5-601 & 33-5-602

The Council shall advise the Commissioner as to plans and policies to be followed in the service systems and the operation of the department programs and facilities, recommend to the general assembly legislation and appropriations for the programs and facilities, advocate for and publicize the recommendations, and publicize generally the situation and needs of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their families.

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>City and Affiliation</b>	<b>Term</b>
Laura Brown 615-253-4392 Laura.brown@tn.gov	Nashville, TN <i>TN Commission on Aging and Disabilities</i> Advocate for Elderly (Appointed by DIDD Commissioner)	6-24-2015 to 6-24-2018
Teresa Cooper 901-312-6845 Teresa.cooper@srvs.org	Oakland, TN <i>Family Member</i> (Appointed by DIDD Commissioner)	5-9-2018 to 5-9-2021
Jennifer Enderson 865-483-4385 Jennifer.enderson@emoryvalleycenter.com	Oak Ridge, TN <i>Emory Valley Center</i> At-Large Representative (Appointed by Governor)	10-19-2015 to 10-19-2018
Phil Garner 931-722-5401 Phil.garner@brstn.org	Waynesboro, TN <i>Buffalo River Services</i> DIDD Provider (Appointed by DIDD Commissioner)	2-14-2018 to 2-14-2021
James Gray 865-483-8603 Rebecca.smith@emoryvalleycenter.com	Oak Ridge, TN Self-Advocate (Appointed by DIDD Commissioner)	8-9-2017 to 8-9-2020
Representative Matthew Hill 615-741-2251 rep.matthew.hill@capiol.tn.gov	Jonesborough, TN <i>TN House of Representatives</i> (Appointed by Speaker of the House of Representatives)	8/24/2017 to 11/6/2018
Teresa Grimmatt 931-982-4112 Grimmattfarms1973@gmail.com	Centerville, TN Family Member (Appointed by DIDD Commissioner)	5-9-2018 to 5-9-2021
Cathy Kavara 931-964-2565 catkavara@yahoo.com	Summertown, TN Family Member (Appointed by DIDD Commissioner)	7-10-2015 to 7-10-2018
Melinda Kelsey 615-253-6674 <a href="mailto:Melinda.kelsey@tn.gov">Melinda.kelsey@tn.gov</a>	Nashville, TN <i>TN Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development</i>	11-8-2017 to 11-8-2021

	(Ex-Officio Appointed by DIDD Commissioner)	
Sen. Becky Massey 615-741-1648 Sen.becky.massey@capitol.tn.gov	Nashville, TN <i>TN Senate</i> (Appointed by Speaker of the Senate)	1-8-2017 to 1-8-2019
Dr. Arie Nettles 615-293-2490 Arie.l.nettles@vanderbilt.edu	Nashville, TN <i>Vanderbilt University Medical Center</i> Chair/Advocate for Children (Appointed by Governor)	1-8-2018 to 1-8-2020
Maurice Patton 615-351-4812 Vmp0428@gmail.com	Franklin, TN At-Large Representative (Appointed by DIDD Commissioner)	5-10-2017 to 5-10-2020
Melissa Richards 615-902-0950 mrichards@columbusorg.com	Hermitage, TN <i>Columbus Organization</i> Advocate for Adults (Appointed by DIDD Commissioner)	5-9-2018 to 5-9-2021
Connie Richardson 931-362-3775 Corichardson175@gmail.com	Clarksville, TN Family Member (Appointed by DIDD Commissioner)	7-8-2015 to 7-8-2018
Bo Turner 615-532-5006 <a href="mailto:Bo.turner@tn.gov">Bo.turner@tn.gov</a>	Nashville, TN <i>TN Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services</i> (Ex-Officio Appointed by DIDD Commissioner)	11-8-2017 to 11-8-2021
Robert Vaughn 931-223-580 hdennis@bioscorp.com	Columbia, TN Self-Advocate (Appointed by DIDD Commissioner)	10-26-2015 to 10-26-2018

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