

3 Openings on Consumer Advisory Council

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The Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University is seeking three new members for the Consumer Advisory Council, according to consumer advocate Gordon Richins.

The CAC is composed of individuals with disabilities, family members, representatives of government entities and local agencies who work with people with disabilities, and staff liaisons who advise the CPD director about the Center's impact on systems change, advocacy, and capacity building. The CAC members work with CPD staff to develop and approve the CPD's annual goals and regularly reviews progress towards their accomplishment.

The CAC also sponsors the twice-yearly Community Investment Award. Members nominate, campaign for and vote on the award's recipient, a Utah agency that provides services to people with disabilities. Past recipients have been Active Re-Entry Centers for Independent Living in Price, the Utah Brain Injury Alliance and the Utah Parent Center.

The CAC is currently seeking a self-advocate, a parent or family-member advocate, and an agency representative. CAC members must reside within the state of Utah. Members bring many different perspectives, ideas, and views to the council. They represent the varied geographical areas and disability issues within Utah.

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