

AIDD Unveils New Rules | CPD

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The Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD), the Federal agency responsible for implementation and administration of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act), has announced new rules, which went into effect on August 26, 2014. The DD Act was first passed in 1995, with the rules published in 1997.

The rules affect the Protection & Advocacy agencies, the state Developmental Disability councils and the University Centers on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs). In Utah, the P&A is the Disability Law Center and the UCEDD is Utah State University's Center for Persons with Disabilities.

Under the new rules, the P&As were granted no new authority, but statutes were clarified that give broader access to all records and defines when consent is or is not required.

The new rules strengthen the independence of DD Councils from the states and ensures non-interference from the states. The rules also limit demonstration projects to only five years. Capacity building has been expanded from the UCEDDs to include all AIDD grantees.

The new rules clarify that each UCEDD is a free-standing entity that is a part of or associated with a university. AIDD funds can only be used by the UCEDD, not any other part of the university.