What is the Center on Disability and Community Inclusion (CDCI)?
CDCI helps Vermonters with disabilities and their families live their lives as they choose. We help in four main ways: education, support, research, and sharing information. CDCI is part of the University of Vermont. There are 67 centers like CDCI in the United States. These centers were created by a law called the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act).

What is a Community Advisory Council?
The mission of the DD Act is to make sure people with disabilities and family members can fully participate in their communities. It is required by the DD Act that every Center like CDCI has an advisory council.

What is the role of our CAC?
Our CAC advises the work we do to help us achieve our mission. The CAC:

- Helps set priorities for our work.
- Reviews and gives feedback on what we do.
- Advocates for people and groups they represent.
- Shares information about CDCI with others.
- Meets four (4) times each year.
- Participates in other CDCI meetings or events, like our summer retreat. These other meetings and events are voluntary.

Who should be on the CAC?
- Most members must be people with developmental or related disabilities and family members. These CAC members can receive a stipend for participating and mileage reimbursement for attending meetings.
- Representatives of Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council and the Protection and Advocacy System.
- Representatives of self-advocacy, parent, and other relevant organizations.
- People who reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of Vermont.

How do I join?
If you are interested or have questions, contact Lisa Hurst-Bouffard (802-656-8355 or lisa.hurst-bouffard@uvm.edu). She will assist you with the application. Once you submit an application, members of the CAC membership committee will look at your application and then contact you.

Connect with us online!
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