



COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION: ALP-NC Training and Advocacy Leaders Network

Permission to Draft Request for Applications (RFA)

GOAL 3: By 2026, Increase Advocacy for Individuals with Intellectual and Other Developmental Disabilities (I/DD). More individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) will lead and sustain self-directed lives through self-advocacy, family advocacy and stakeholder leadership.

OBJECTIVE B: Increase individual, family, public and systems educational opportunities and engagement to improve the lives of individuals with I/DD and the system; with additional specific targeted disparity emphasis to increase the knowledge and engagement of members of the Hispanic/Latinx communities.

Goal/Objective Measurement: More individuals with I/DD and family members will receive training and advocacy opportunities to better advocate on decisions that impact their lives, the lives of others and the system.

NCCDD 5 Year State Plan 2022-2026

**Permission to Pursue
Permission to Draft RFA
Tentative RFA Release Date
Anticipated Start Date**

**August 8, 2022
February 3, 2023
April 1, 2023
October 1, 2023**

BACKGROUND. The ALP-NC leadership development training program replaces two training programs formerly funded by the NCCDD. Combined, the NC PIP and NC ASL programs received \$400,000/per year to implement. The NC PIP targeted individuals and family members, and the NC ASL program targeted professionals. In 2016 the NCCDD approved research and development of an advocacy leadership training program that brought all constituencies together and kept the best features of the PIP, ASL, and other training programs. The RFA was released in 2017 and the ALP-NC pilot training occurred in 2019.

The current program contract (10/1/2022 – 9/30/2023) aims to make the training program sustainable and replicable, develop a strong cohort of trainers and trainees, and work with NCCDD to prepare the training program to be provided through a competitive RFA for which this request addresses.

CCL and DRNC created a curriculum for the project that has been tested, tried, revised and tested again until we found what we feel is the best format to train and engage participants. The curriculum is offered in four one-day sessions spread out over three to four months with follow-up and small group work in between sessions.

A group of trainers were recruited from the pilot class. This select group received in-depth training on the curriculum of the project and also on how to be effective facilitators and

conversation leaders. They are now paid trainers working with our newest cohort. A model that can be replicated and grown exponentially.

NCCDD seeks to draft a Request for Applications (RFA) that will result in an initiative that

- Engages an entity with capacity to provide program development and management to the major activities of this initiative, including oversight and direction to the Statewide ALP-NC Training Organizer.
- Engages a Statewide ALP-NC Training Organizer.
- Establishes, engages, and manages an Advocacy Leaders Network.
- Establishes the ALP-NC training as a shared investment initiative of multiple organizations and agencies.
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Permission is requested to draft the RFA regarding the ALP-NC Training and Advocacy Leaders Network initiative for funding in the amount of \$120,000 with declining federal ratio (Years 2 and 3 % decrease TBD) with required minimum of 25% non-federal matching funds for a period of up to three years. Approval to release the RFA would be sought at the May 12, 2023 Council meeting.