



Governor's Advisory Council For Exceptional Citizens (GACEC)

The Council's adopted role is "to provide leadership through advice giving and advocacy for the education of and amelioration of unmet needs of citizens of all ages who are exceptional." Council activities in fulfilling this role are intended "to improve the lives of Delaware citizens who are exceptional."

- * The term "exceptional citizens" consists of persons of all ages who have special needs. It should be noted that the GACEC State mandate for exceptional citizens includes the child with special gifts and talents.

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Message from the Chair

This Council is comprised of volunteers from varied backgrounds: parents, teachers, administrators and professionals in different areas. We come together in this Council to enhance the lives of persons with disabilities in particular and all Delawareans with extceptionalities. Each year, we plan ambutious goals during our annual retreat and then review our progress towards those goals as the year progresses.

This year, we provide input to our elected legislators as they discussed reauthorization of the Federal IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), which was passed and signed into law in December. We will continue to provide feedback to both Federal and Delaware Department of Education as regulations based on this law are written.

Each of the standing committees was active and will report on their own activities. I will not repeat their accomplishments here, except to note that each committee has its own strengths and that this Council is strong because of the actions of each of the committees.

This year, we worked with the Delaware Department of Education to provide ‘stakeholder’ input on special education audits of two school districts. We actively participated in selecting the districts to be audited as well as being an active voice during the audits. Previously these audits were conducted only by members of the Department of Education. We believe having stakeholder participation on these audits strengthens the entire process and look forward to continuing this interaction, to the extent it provides a better learning environment for students with exceptionalities.

The Council Chair also participated in the OSEP Leadership Conference, an annual event planned by the Federal Office of Special Education Programs. This year’s primary focus was the reauthorization of IDEA and the regulations that the DOE must write, giving us an early opportunity to make suggestions and express concerns.

Council members and staff continue to serve on committees to provide feedback to the State DOE on student testing (both the Delaware State Testing Program (DSTP) for most students and Delaware Alternate Portfolio Assessment (DAPA) for those who cannot take the standard tests) and other items as DOE requests. We look forward to continuing our good working relationship with DOE and providing proposal feedback from the consumer viewpoint.

Sadly the GACEC bids farewell to the following members who resigned from the Council this year: Dr. Martha Brooks, Dr. Michael Gamel-McCormick, Dr. Ron Engard and Nancy Suleski. Council would like to welcome Martha Toomey, Director of the Exceptional Children and Early Childhood Educational group who is replacing Dr. Martha Brooks as the DOE liaison.

On behalf of all Delawareans with exceptionalities, I sincerely thank the many active members of Council who spent much time and energy towards these goals, as well as our dedicated staff.

John A. Werner
Chairperson

What is the Council?

Statutory Responsibilities

In accordance with CFR 300.650 (b) , the Council serves as the State Advisory Panel for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and its amendments.

1. Delaware Code: Title 14, Chapter 31, Sub. Sec. 3111
2. Federal Statute: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and its amendments

The State Advisory Panel will:

- (1) "...advise(s) the state educational agency of unmet needs within the state in the education of children with disabilities;
- (2) comment(s) publicly on any rules or regulations proposed for issuance by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities and the procedures for distribution of funds under this part; and
- (3) assist(s) the state in developing and reporting such data and evaluations as may assist the Secretary under Section 618..."

Organizational Structure

GACEC is an all volunteer Council in which the composition of GACEC membership represents a broad cross-section of Delaware's community statewide. The GACEC holds regularly scheduled meetings which are open to the public. Officers are elected annually, with the elected chairperson responsible for providing the Council its primary leadership and supervision for the staff members. The Board of Directors consists of the chairperson of the Council, vice-chairperson of the Council, chairperson elect, Past Chairperson, secretary/treasurer and committee chairpersons. The Council developed and is guided by its By-Laws and a Code of Ethics to effectively discharge its diverse responsibilities. The GACEC is comprised of two administrative committees: (membership and personnel) and four issues committees: (infant/early childhood, children and youth, adult/transition services and policy and law).

Twelfth Annual Fall Planning Retreat

GACEC held its Twelfth Annual Planning Retreat on September 10 & 11, 2004 at the Virden Center in Lewes, Delaware, as part of the Council's planning activities for FY 2005. Participants at the Retreat included GACEC members and staff, members of the Department of Education (DOE) and representatives from the Center for Disabilities Studies (CDS) at the University of Delaware. Corey Nourie and Carol Bernard of the CDS provided team building activities and facilitated the meeting. Dr. Nancy Wilson of DOE updated Council on No Child Left Behind and Dr. Martha Brooks of DOE updated Council on the Second Annual State Improvement Grant report, the IEP Facilitation Contract Report summary and the Executive Summary of the Third Annual State Improvement Plan.

Retreat activities involved extensive planning, including:

- A survey of perceived needs of all Council members;
- Council recommendations to be included with DOE recommendations to the Legislature for FY 2005
- Formulation of the FY 2004-2005 GACEC operational plan.

Council reviewed their yearly goals. The Council goals are as follows:

1. To foster improved results of exceptional students by monitoring and supporting the implementation of the State Improvement Plan (SIP), State Improvement Grant (SIG) and No Child Left Behind (NCLB) as the NCLB pertains to students with exceptionalities.
2. To improve delivery of special education and related services in the least restrictive and natural environments by reducing funding barriers and improving practice.
3. To improve programs and services for exceptional citizens by reviewing and advocating for funding, policies and procedures that positively impact exceptional citizens.
4. To improve the impact of the GACEC through effective communication strategies.
5. To improve Delaware's Department of Education standards-based reform and accountability efforts through review and advocacy for the inclusion of exceptional students in all provisions and programs.

GACEC Budget Report

The GACEC FY 2006 budget request was submitted to the State Budget Office in November, 2004. Chairperson, John Werner, along with Wendy Strauss, Executive Administrator, presented the proposed budget to the Joint Finance Committee in February of 2005. Due to the significant increase of Council's mission, additional funds were sought for a full time clerical position. The request of \$26,900.00 was granted for a full time clerical position. In addition an allotment of \$5,500 was granted for salary contingency according to the state salary policy.

With the assistance of the GACEC staff, a 2% budget reduction was developed, at the request of the State Budget Office.



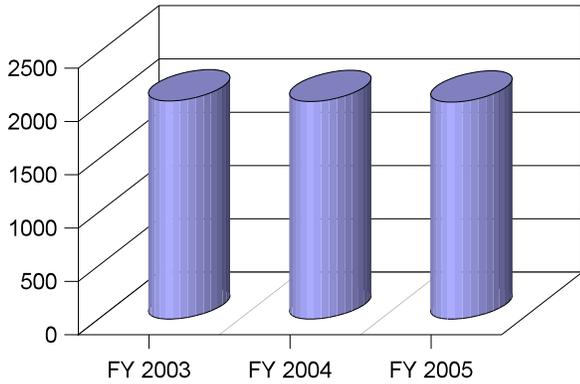
Judy Smith and Wendy Strauss, GACEC member and Executive Administrator were invited to attend the Governor's Inaugural Ball at Dover Downs, January 21, 2005.



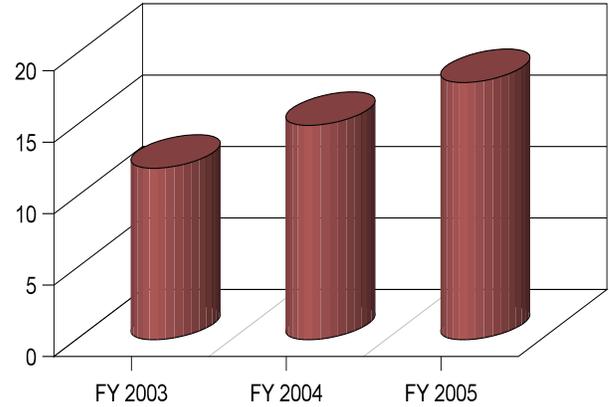
Wendy Strauss: Awarded the 12th annual Mary Custis "Custie" Straughn award for Advocacy by the State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) at the SCPD retreat, September 20, 2004 at the Dover Sheraton.

FY2005 Performance Measures

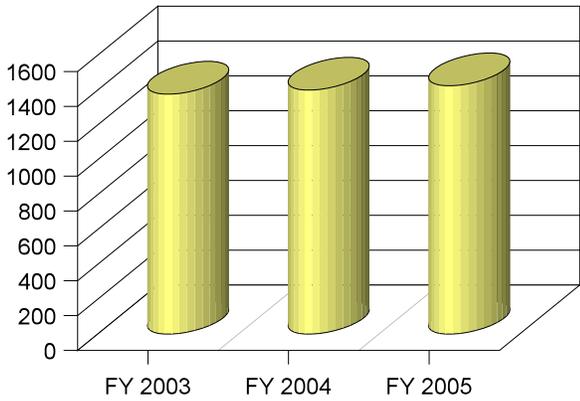
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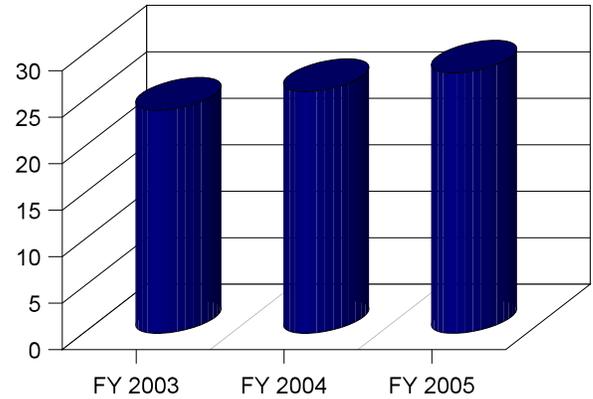
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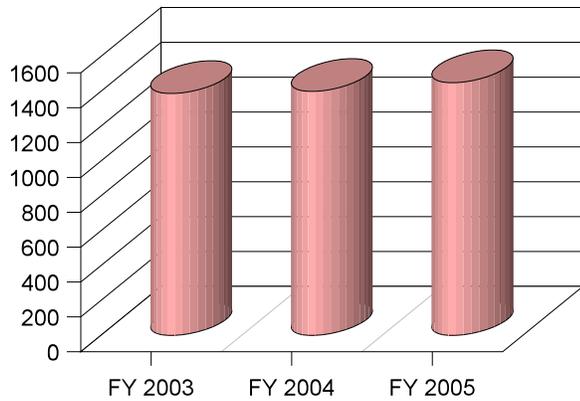
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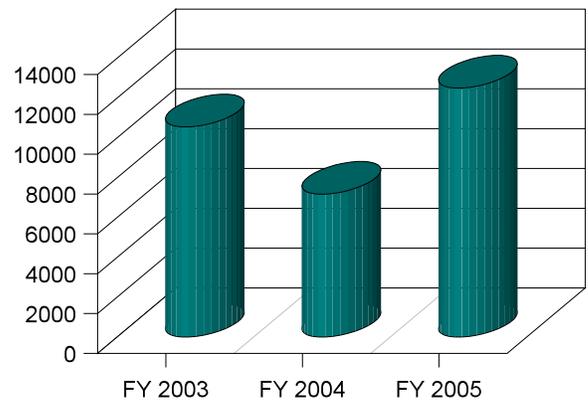
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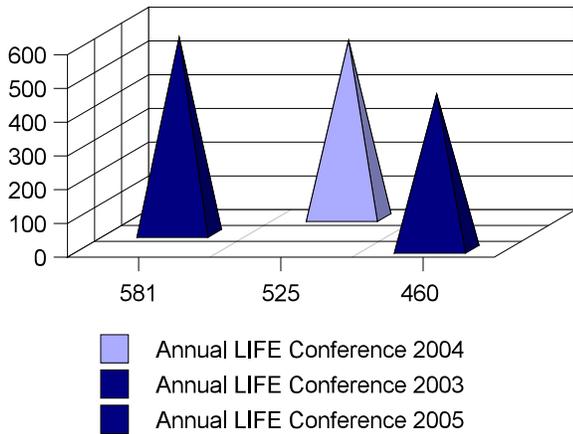
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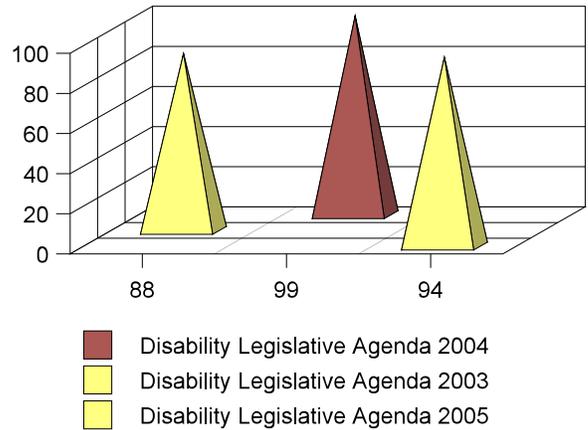
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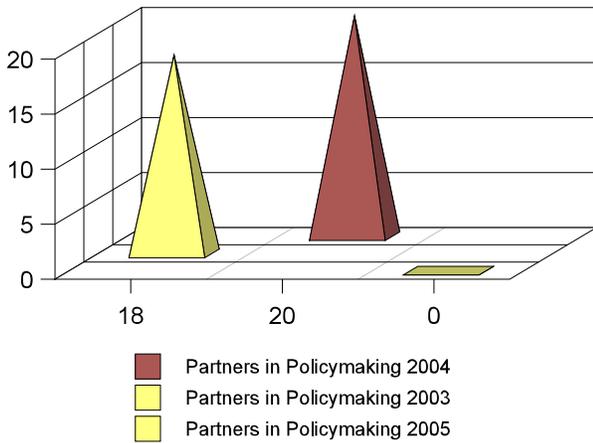
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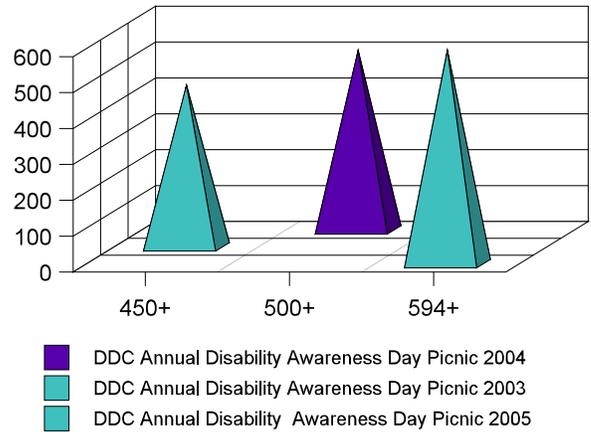
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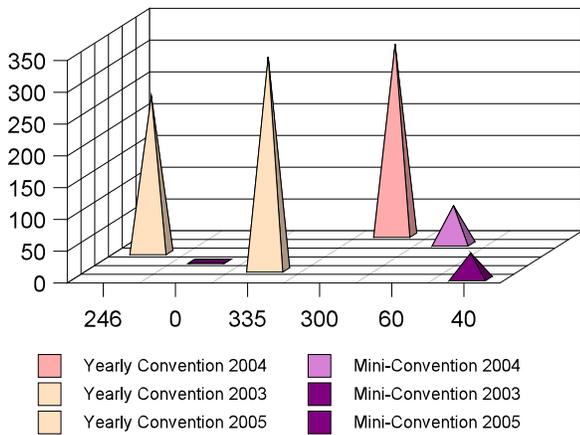
Executive Administrator Presentations



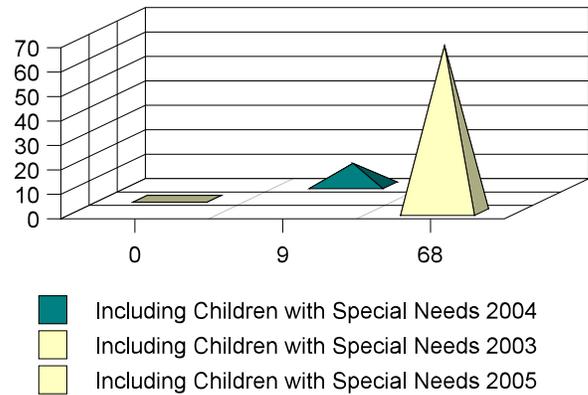
Collaboration



DE Council for Exceptional Children



Executive Administrator Presentations
Day Care Providers



1. Letters on state legislation per year to elected officials.
2. Personal contacts with key legislators and executive branch personnel related to proposed legislation.
3. Contacts via letters to DOE, SBE & other agency representatives.
4. Boards, councils and committees with participation by GACEC staff and members.

5. Individuals reached via GACEC presentations or co-sponsorship of conferences & workshops on education & disability related issues, by members and staff.
6. Times GACEC website home page accessed annually.

Note: FY 2003 - Actual, FY 2004 - Estimated and FY 2005 Projected

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT 2004-2205

Two individuals were approved for membership by the GACEC Membership Committee and referred to Governor Ruth Ann Minner for consideration of appointment. The following individuals have been appointed to the Council by the Governor during FY2005:

Jennifer Pulcinella
Jane Donovan

- One member requested and was granted a one-year leave of absence.
- Three members requested and were granted one year extensions on their leave of absences.
- Four members submitted their resignations to Council for personal reasons.
- The Council and Membership Committee continue to recruit individuals who represent state juvenile and adult corrections agencies, charter schools and the division of vocational rehabilitation in order to fulfill the membership mandate as stated in Council By-laws. The Council and Membership Committee have also contacted potential representatives to fill positions as mandated under the newly re-authorized IDEA. The new representatives will be persons working with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act and child welfare.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT 2004-2005

- This year the Personnel Committee explored the hiring of an additional full time staff person for office support. The committee researched possible positions, costs and completed a rationale statement for the addition of a full time staff person. The request for a full time clerical position was requested at the Budget Hearing and the Joint Finance Committee Hearing. As of July 1, 2005 GACEC was granted the additional funds for this position. The Position Establishment Procedures are expected to be completed through the State Personnel Office by the end of September.
- A job description will be completed and submitted to the State Personnel Office. Once it is approved, the position will be posted and the hiring process will begin.
- Additional goals for the Personnel Committee are to finalize the Personnel Manual for GACEC Staff.

ISSUES COMMITTEES

INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD 2004-2005

The goals and action steps of the Infant and Early Childhood committee were as follows:

- One of the goals of the committee was to strengthen the family voice in guiding recommendations from this committee. The committee requested two parents from the New Scripts Family Inclusion Project to join this committee. Whitney Price and Jennifer Pulcinella were invited to join the committee at the beginning of the year. Jennifer became a GACEC and Infant and Early Childhood committee member and participated throughout the year. The committee will invite additional parents with young children involved in service delivery to join the GACEC and this committee.
- Another goal of the committee had been to study and make recommendations regarding issues related to children from birth to five with disabilities and their families. The action step that was taken was to follow the development of work from the Respite Care Task Force, looking at how it affects young children and their families. The committee suggested a presentation by the task force and formulated questions specifically pertaining to respite care needs of families of young children.
- The Infant and Early Childhood Committee also studied childcare initiatives (Delaware Diamonds, TEACH, Infant/Toddler Learning Foundations, Early Success) from the perspective of inclusion. The Committee focused primarily on Delaware Diamonds and brought suggestions to the GACEC for discussion. Suggestions were given to the committee developing framework and changes resulted to strengthen the focus on inclusion. The committee also looked into the needs of children and families from the mental health perspective and followed current initiatives as they are implemented. They also followed the progress of the Partners in Excellence project throughout the year.
- The Committee wanted to become informed on new initiatives impacting young children with disabilities and their families, as well as the quality and availability of services to support their development and include them in their communities. Presentations were heard on the new General Supervision grant and on the National Center for Special Education Personnel Grant as to how it affects personnel serving young children.
- The Committee continued work started last year on advocating for preschool unit and the use of “developmental delay” for children until age 8, presenting Seaford’s program as a model. The committee was made aware that Seaford’s model program is no longer in existence, therefore, no other work was conducted in system changes.
- The group studied and made recommendations regarding issues related to the birth to five population which would include child care centers. They reported on the work of the Building Capacity in Natural Environments committee, including two projects offering assistance to child cares: Johnson and Johnson-Easter Seals grant and Project Insite. The committee

discussed work done with the New Scripts project identifying parents to work as co-educators and presenters in pre-service and in-service programs for persons working in early childhood special education. They also examined the quality of early childhood services and availability. Betty Richardson, with Partners in Excellence (PIE), presented to the entire council about the work being done on Social and Emotional Wellness for young children. Monthly updates on the PIE project were shared with the committee at meetings. The group also reviewed transition issues that evolve at the age of 3 that impact families and programs across the state.

- The committee members received copies of the Early Learning Foundations (ELF) Initiative document and discussed its contents. The committee formed to work on an infant-toddler version shared information with the Infant and Early Childhood Committee.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH 2004-2005

The membership of the Children and Youth Committee has had a stable year numerically, but has had a change in personnel, with one member retiring and one member on leave balanced out by the addition of one new member and the return of a former member.

- Goal one of the committee was to provide recommendations regarding the effectiveness of discipline practices that foster educational outcomes. One of the three strategies that we attempted to use to obtain that goal was to review the district codes of conduct in light of the Positive Behavior Support Initiative (PBS).

In attempting this review a prototype rubric was developed. This was used to score the targeted districts. What was found was that due to difficult codes of conduct within each district and varied differences of codes of conduct from district to district, it became difficult to score each district based on this rubric. Because of this, it was impossible to make an accurate comparison.

- Goal two of the committee was to provide recommendations on ways to increase inclusion opportunities and improve inclusionary practices for students with disabilities. This was aligned with the fifth goal of the GACEC to improve standards based reforms and accountability. The committee looked at the DSTP accommodations available and used by students with disabilities and the part their use or non-use had on inclusion. This was done by reviewing the nationally recommended lists of accommodations as per the National Center of Education Statistics and comparing them with the accommodations accepted by the Department of Education of Delaware. In this matter it was found that Delaware was similarly aligned with the nationally recommended accommodations. Secondly the committee looked at the number of students using accommodations during the DSTP and the types of accommodations those students are using. Here, again the committee found that Delaware was on average with the nation as far as the number of students and the types of accommodations being used.

What the committee was not able to determine based on this information was whether students were being excluded from regular education settings, which could only be determined on a case by case basis; although it was determined that the amount and types of accommodations was on par with the National average.

- Although not all strategies were used to review each goal set by the committee, nor were all goals directly reviewed by the committee, it is the commitment of this committee to continue with these endeavors.

ADULT/TRANSITION SERVICES 2004-2005

One of the goals of the Adult Transition Services Committee was to review agencies that provide training and education to students in transition from high school to post secondary education, work and life in the community.

- All planned site visits have been completed. These include: Delaware Elwyn, Delmarva Community, Heartwood, Easter Seals (NCC & Millsboro), Chimes (NCC & Millsboro), Lower Shore, Opportunity Center, and Chesapeake Care. A final report will be written and sent to the Governor, the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS) and the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). Committee members will continue to schedule and conduct site visits to a variety of adult service sites.
- The Committee researched the availability of continuing education programs available to adults with disabilities in Delaware. Council submitted a letter from the Adult Transition Services Committee to Pat Morrissey, Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities in support of the REAL Project and Community Connectors programs offered through the Center for Disabilities Studies of the University of Delaware (CDS). A copy of the letter was sent to Dr. Michael Gamel-McCormick of CDS.
- The Committee continues to be interested in transportation issues that affect individuals with disabilities and will advocate for improved services across Delaware for people with disabilities. In the following year the Adult Transition Service committee will invite Dean Beatts of DOE and Kyle Hodges of the State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) to future meetings to discuss driver education issues.
- At Council's pleasure, the committee has retained the goal of identifying special education services in the correctional system. The group is waiting for copies of the Department of Education (DOE)/Department of Correction (DOC) annual report so the data can be reviewed. This will continue to be an ongoing goal.

POLICY AND LAW COMMITTEE 2004-2005

The Policy and Law Committee reviews and analyzes proposed state legislation and regulations as well as federal legislation affecting exceptional citizens. The GACEC, in conjunction with other Councils and Committees, was successful in recommending changes in a number of pieces of legislations. This year the Policy and Law Committee reviewed twenty-eight pieces of proposed legislation and fifty-seven proposed regulations, policies and interagency agreements. The following is a list of regulations and legislation commented on by the Council after review by the Policy and Law committee, with legislative outcomes:

**GACEC REVIEW OF
POLICY AND REGULATIONS
FY 2005**

REGULATION	SYNOPSIS	COUNCIL ACTION	REVIEW DATE (As of 6/30/05)
8DE Reg. 1785	Executive Order 54 – School Assessment Panel	Opposed	07/28/04
8DE Reg. 36	DOE DAPA Content Standards	Submitted concerns	07/29/04
8DE Reg. 23	DOE Educator Appraisal System	Shared observations	07/14/04
8DE Reg. 36	Executive Order 56: Infant Mortality Task Force	Sent comments, requesting appointment of Janet Cornwell	07/28/04
8DE Reg. 37	DOE Proposed Health Examinations Reg.	Shared observations	07/14/04
8DE Reg. 38	DOE Proposed TB Reg.	Shared observations/concerns	07/14/04
8DE Reg. 46	DLTCRP Proposed Assistive Living Reg	Shared observations	07/22/04
8DE Reg. 41	DOE Proposed School Psychologist Regs	Submitted observations	07/14/04
8DE Reg. 62	Dept. of Insurance Proposed Medicare Supplement Insurance	Shared observations	07/22/04
8DE Reg. 100 & 8 DE Reg. 107	DPH Final Newborn Screening & DPH Final Cancer Treatment Program	Thank you for acting on recommendations	07/22/04
8DE Reg. 224	DOE Proposed Child Nutrition	Shared observations	08/18/04
8DE Reg. 225	DOE Proposed IDEA Classifications	Shared observations	08/18/04
8DE Reg. 237	DOE Proposed School Transportation	Shared observations	08/18/04
8DE Reg. 399	DOE Proposed Health Examinations	Endorsed revised regulation	09/29/04
8DE Reg. 400	DOE Proposed TB regulation	Shared observations	09/29/04
8DE Reg. 402	DOE Proposed IEP regulation	Endorsed	09/29/04
8DE Reg. 405	DOE Proposed Reading Specialist Certification	Shared concerns	09/29/04
8DE Reg. 407	DSS Proposed Child Care Subsidy Program	Shared observations	09/29/04
8DE Reg. 517	Board of Pharmacy Proposed Conviction Disqualification	Shared observations	10/26/04
8DE Reg. 518	Board of Occupational Therapists Criminal Conviction Disqualification	Shared observations	10/26/04
8DE Reg. 520	DOE Proposed District Staff Compensation	Shared observations	10/20/04
8DE Reg. 521	DSS Proposed Food Stamps	Endorsed	10/26/04
8DE Reg. 247	DOE Proposed Computer Science Teacher Certification	Shared observations	08/18/04
8DE Reg. 657	DOE Proposed Discipline Program	Shared observations	11/17/04
8DE Reg. 661	DOE Proposed Health Education Program	Shared observations	11/17/04

REGULATION	SYNOPSIS	COUNCIL ACTION	REVIEW DATE
8DE Reg. 662	DLTCRP Proposed CNA regulations	Shared observations	11/29/04
8DE Reg. 664	DSS Proposed Medicaid Drug Co-pay	Shared observations	11/23/04
8DE Reg. 670	DSS Proposed TANF Regulation	Shared observations	11/23/04
8DE Reg. 714	Executive Order 59: State Policies & Spending	Shared observations	11/22/04
	LTC Facility Transfer/Termination Hearing	Requested regulations be drafted	11/23/04
8DE Reg. 800	DOE Proposed Student Data & Records	Shared observations	12/15/04
8DE Reg. 822	DOE Proposed TB Control	Shared observations/concerns	12/14/04
8DE Reg. 825	DOE Proposed Director of Special Education Certification	Endorsed	12/14/04
8DE Reg. 886	DOE Final Children with Disabilities	Thank you for accepting recommendations	12/14/04
8DE Reg. 972	DPH Proposed Autism Surveillance and Registry regulation	Shared observations	01/26/05
8DE Reg. 975	DSS Proposed Private Duty Nursing	Shared observations	01/26/05
8DE Reg. 978	DSS Proposed Child Care Subsidy	Shared observations	01/26/05
8DE Reg. 980	DSS Proposed Non-liquid Resources	Shared observations	01/26/05
8DE Reg. 981	DSS Proposed Savings Bond Resource	Shared observations	01/26/05
8DE Reg. 1008	DOE Final Discipline Program Reg	Thank you for adopting recommendations	02/01/05
8DE Reg. 1070	DOE Proposed Unit Count	Shared recommendations	02/17/05
8DE Reg. 1074	DOE Proposed Kindergarten Early Admission Reg	Shared observations	02/17/05
8DE Reg. 1077	Dept. of Insurance Claim Processing	Shared observations	03/02/05
8DE Reg. 1243	DOE Proposed Requirements for Career-Technical Education Program Reg.	Missing section – no comment	03/16/05
8DE Reg. 1252	DOE Proposed Standard Certification Early Care & Education (Ages 0-K) Teacher	Queried status after 6/30/06 cutoff date	03/16/05
8DE Reg. 1371	Board of Pharmacy Proposed Licensing Resource Program	Shared observations	05/02/05
8DE Reg. 1405	DOE Proposed Deleting Functional Life Skills Curriculum Standards	Shared observations	04/20/05
8DE Reg. 1411	DSS Proposed Uniform Gifts to Minors Act (UGMA) Property	Endorsed	04/29/05
8DE Reg. 1481	DPH Final Autism Surveillance/Registry	Thank you for implementing suggestions	04/29
8DE Reg. 1531	DOE Proposed Interpreter/Tutor Certification	Shared observations	05/19/05

REGULATION	SYNOPSIS	COUNCIL ACTION	REVIEW DATE
8DE Reg. 1533	DOE Proposed Resident Advisor (Houseparent) Permit	Submitted observations	05/19/05
8DE Reg. 1566	DSS Proposed "Couples Cases"	Endorsed concept	05/24/05
8DE Reg. 1657	Dept. of Insurance Claim Processing	Shared observations	06/27/05
8DE Reg. 1737	DSS Notice of Intent to Create Monthly Drug Co-Pay Cap	Endorsed and recommended \$15 cap	06/27/05
8DE Reg. 1737	DSS Notice of Intent to Authorize Mail Order Pharmacy	Endorsed concept	06/27/05
8DE Reg. 1739	Dept. of Insurance Mental Health Parity Circular Letter	Strongly encouraged 7/01/05 effective date to all legislators	06/24/05
8DE Reg. 1560	DSS Final Food Stamp Benefit Replacement	Thank you letter for considering comments, amending provisions & clarifications	05/18/04

**GACEC REVIEW OF
STATE LEGISLATION
143rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

BILL	SYNOPSIS	RECOMMENDATION	REVIEW DATE	STATUS (as of 6/30/05)
HB 2	3 Tiered Diploma	Shared observations	03/11/05	Substituted 5/10/05
HB 26	Hospital Infection Rate Disclosure Act	Strongly endorsed	03/07/05	HH&D 1/25/05
HB 43	Involuntary Commitment of Sex Offenders	Opposed	03/07/05	Sen. Judiciary 3/15/05
SB 18	Delaware Prescription Drug Assistance Program	Endorsed concept	03/07/05	Signed 4/26/05
HCR 6	Compulsory Education Age Task Force	Endorsed	04/08/05	House passed 6/14/05
HB 60	School Nurses	Endorsed	04/01/05	House Apprpr. 3/17/05
HB 96	Motorcycle Handlebar Height	Recommended amendment	04/29/05	Signed 6/30/05
HB 2 & HB 80	High School Diploma	Shared observations	04/22/05	Ed. Comm. 3/15/05
SB 58	Child Helmet Legislation	Endorsed	04/29/05	House Admin. 6/23/05
SB 60	Pilot Needle Exchange Program	Endorsed	04/29/05	Out of Comm. 6/29/05
HB 72	Nursing Home Administrators	Shared observations	05/03/05	Senate Sunset Comm.6/22/05

BILL	SYNOPSIS	RECOMMENDATION	REVIEW DATE	STATUS (as of 6/30/05)
HB 142	Choice Schools	Endorsed	05/25/05	Signed 6/14/05
HB 146	Long Term Care Insurance Tax Credit	Endorsed	05/25/05	House Appopr 5/04/05
HS 1 – HB 47	Statewide Curriculum	Endorsed concept	05/25/05	Substituted 4/26/05
SB 41	Human Relations Commission; Equal Accommodations; Fair Housing	Strongly Endorsed	05/03/05	House Policy Analysis & Govt. Comm. 7/27/05
SB 45	Student Physical Activity	Endorsed	05/03/05	LOT 6/23/05
SB 76	Special Programs for “At-Risk” Students	Endorsed	05/25/05	LOT 6/08/05
SB 77	Prescription Drug Repository Prog.	Endorsed with 1 amendment	05/25/05	Senate HSS Comm. 4/21/05
SB 78	Child Care Subsidy	Endorsed	05/25/05	Out of comm. 5/10/05
	Office of Public Guardian Support Letter	Supported additional funding	05/27/05	
HB 236	Correction of Code Language for Physically Impaired and Traumatic Brain Injured Students	Requested amendment	06/23/05	Signed 7/12/05
HA 1 – HB 236	Amended HB 236 to include References to TBI	Submitted and endorsed	06/23/05	Amendment passed 6/21/05
HB 244	Charter School Aptitude Tests	Strongly Opposed	06/24/05	Out of comm. 6/22/05
HS 1 – HB 184	Patient Safety	Opposed	06/24/05	Substituted 6/08/05
HB 175	P-20 Council	Submitted observations	06/24/05	Signed 6/28/05
SB 117	Teen Driver Passenger Limits & Seat Belt Usage	Endorsed	06/24/05	House Public Safety Committee 7/01/05
HB 191	Passenger Limit for Teen Drivers	Endorsed	06/24/05	House Public Safety Committee 5/31/05
HB 128	Television in Vehicles	Endorsed	06/24/05	Out of Comm. 5/11/05
HB 144	Prohibition on Radar Detectors	Endorsed	06/24/05	LOT 6/15/05
SB 118	Elective Surgery Consent	Endorsed concept	06/24/05	Signed 6/28/05

Listed below is a comprehensive list of organizations and councils as well as public meetings with which GACEC staff and/or members are involved on a recurrent basis, and which assist the Council with interagency collaboration and coalition building.

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| 1. State Board of Education (SBE) | 16. University of Delaware Center for Disabilities Studies(CDS) |
| 2. Department of Education , Special Education Group | 17. Department of Labor Vocational Rehabilitation Advisory Committee |
| 3. Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) | 18. Delaware Student Testing Program (DSTP) Task Force |
| 4. Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Part C of IDEA | 19. Workforce Investment Act Advisory Board |
| 5. Delaware Ticket to Work Committee | 20. Governor’s Commission on Employment of People w/Disabilities |
| 6. Delaware Alternate Portfolio Assessment (DAPA) Program | 21. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/Delaware Autism Program (DVR/DAP) Taskforce |
| 7. Partners Council for Children with Disabilities (PCCD) | 22. Downs Syndrome Association |
| 8. State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) | 23. 21 st Century Learning Center Advisory Committee |
| 9. Delaware Federation & National Federation Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) | 24. “Coaching” Steering Committee |
| 10. Governor’s Commission on Community-Based Alternatives for Individuals with Disabilities (GCCBAID) | 25. Partners in Excellence (PIE) Early Care and Education Initiative |
| 11. Association for the Rights of Citizens with Mental Retardation in Delaware (ARC-Delaware) | 26. Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD) |
| 12. Coordinating Council for Children with Disabilities (CCCD) | 27. SCPD Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Committee |
| 13. Parent Information Center of Delaware (PIC) | 28. Collaborative Efforts to Reinforce Transition Success (CERTS) |
| 14. Autism Society of Delaware (ASD) | 29. SCPD Public Relations Group |
| 15. Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (PAIR) | 30. DOE Child Outcomes Work Group (COWG) |
| | 31. DOE Teacher Retention and Recruitment Work Group |



☞ GACEC members working at Fall Planing Retreat, September 11, 2004, at the Virden Center, Lewes, DE

GACEC staff and members participating in an activity at the GACEC Fall Planning Retreat ☞



☞ Delaware CEC Convention, October 8, 2004 at Dover High School, Dover, DE. Shown looking at the registration area are Mark Chamberlin, DOE Transition Coordinator and Dr. Carl Haltom, Principal of Kent County Community School



Deb Fleischer, President of the Delaware Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) registering participants at the CEC Convention, October 8, 2004 ☞



☞ Development Disabilities Council Picnic, October 1, 2004, at Smyrna Municipal Park. 549 participants attended this annual event sponsored in part by the GACEC



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Presenters & topics:

- ★ Dr. Nancy Wilson, DOE – No Child Left Behind
- ★ Corey Nourie and Carol Bernard – Team Building and Meeting Facilitation
- ★ Dr. Martha Brooks, DOE – Annual Performance Report
- ★ Rosanne Griff-Cabelli, Child Development Watch, DHSS, and Verna Thompson, Teacher on Loan, DOE – General Supervision Enhancement Grant/Early Childhood
- ★ Dr. Paula Burdett, DOE - IDEA Teacher Recruitment Retention
- ★ Kathy Goldsmith, DOE – Annual Interagency Collaborative Treatment Team
- ★ Dr. Tim Brooks, CDS & ARC Board - Governor recommended budget for DDS Respite Care and updates from the Governors Committee on Community Based Alternative
- ★ Ken Smith, DE Housing Coalition - DE Housing Coalition Five Year Strategic Plan
- ★ Dr. Thomas Kelly, & Alisha Raiford-Hall, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services - Center for Disease Control Grant to address medical needs of Delawareans with disabilities

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