

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY SERVICES**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The D.C. Family Support Council (FSC) will hold a public meeting on **Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm**. The meeting can be attended virtually via Zoom.

**Zoom Link:** [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqcumqpjgvE9c9R25K0RwEq-Zvi6WnQD\\_0](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqcumqpjgvE9c9R25K0RwEq-Zvi6WnQD_0)

Below is the draft agenda for this meeting. The final meeting agenda will be posted on the DDS website 48 hours in advance of the meeting along with a link for the Zoom meeting.

**Draft Meeting Agenda**

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Members Present
- 3) Approval of Minutes
- 4) Civil Rights Committee Testimony
- 5) FSC Priorities
- 6) Invitations for Policy Makers
- 7) Establish Committees and Committee Leaders
- 8) Adjourn

**Next Meeting: May 9, 2024, 12-1:30pm**

The FSC provides recommendations, assists, and advises the Department on Disability Services (DDS) and sister agencies on developing person and family-centered systems of support for families throughout the life course of their family members with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The FSC operates pursuant to D.C. Law 16-264, the “Department on Disability Services Establishment Act of 2006,” effective March 14, 2007 (D.C. Official Code § 7-761.01 *et seq.*), and according to the “Family Support Council Procedure,” 2019-DDA-PROC02 (Aug. 22, 2019), at [2019-DDA-PROC02 Family Support Council Procedure\\_1.pdf \(dc.gov\)](#).

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