**Section 400.30 State Plan Implementation**

The Council, through its members, staff, consultants, contractors, subcontractors and grantees, conducts or supports programs, projects and activities that carry out its overall responsibilities under the Act. The State Plan is developed by the Council and approved by the Council's federal funding authority, HHS-Administration on Developmental Disabilities. The Council implements the State Plan by conducting initiatives that support advocacy, capacity building and systemic change activities, including, but not limited to:

a) Outreach activities to identify individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to assist them to obtain community services, individualized supports or other forms of assistance.

b) Training for people with developmental disabilities, their families, personnel and volunteers on obtaining or providing community services, individualized supports or other forms of assistance.

c) Technical assistance to assist the private and public sectors in achieving and contributing to a consumer and family directed system of community services.

d) Supporting and educating communities, businesses and organizations to respond positively to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

e) Coordinating with other councils, committees and programs addressing similar issues to benefit people with developmental disabilities.

f) Barrier elimination and system design and redesign to promote access and use of community services by people with developmental disabilities.

g) Coalition development and citizen participation activities that educate the public about the capabilities, preferences and needs of people with developmental disabilities to enhance the policy agenda of the Council.

h) Supporting and conducting studies, gathering information and developing model policies and other information, and making recommendations directly to federal and State policymakers, including members of Congress, the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor.

i) Demonstrating new approaches to services and supports generally on a time limited basis to show new approaches to serving individuals with developmental disabilities as part of an overall strategy for systemic change.

j) Other activities that may support the overall mission of the Council, as identified in the Act.