community agencies in coordinating efforts in the mental health and developmental disabilities service systems; educate self-advocates, family members, advocates, individuals with developmental disabilities, and service providers on state-of-the-art practices in the field of mental illness and developmental disabilities; and develop and disseminate methods for working with the mental health and developmental disabilities networks to promote full inclusion and membership in the community.

In order to successfully compete under this priority area, the application must include activities which would:

• Develop a model and train a team consisting of professionals/ paraprofessionals, families, advocates, and self-advocates to help bridge the gap between systems.

• Develop and disseminate a handbook of consensus opinion on psychopharmacology. The Handbook will indicate the opinions of a large panel of consumers, scientists, and practitioners regarding what drugs should be used for what conditions, what best practices should be followed, and how consumers can provide effective oversight.

• Develop strategies to disseminate the Handbook to consumers, Protection and Advocacy agencies, oversight committees, and professionals/ paraprofessionals.

• Train people who work in Protection and Advocacy in issues related to Mental Retardation/Mental Health.

• Disseminate anger management training that has been developed for people with mental retardation on a broad national level.

• Develop consumer outcome measures to evaluate the impact of programs. These measures should address the following questions: (1) Are hospitalizations reduced? (2) Do coordinated services enable individuals with developmental disabilities to remain in the community? (3) What is the feasibility of replication in other States? (4) What are the barriers in providing coordinated services? and (5) What is the efficacy of a single point of entry?

• Provide evidence of the applicant's ability to establish an advisory committee comprised of individuals with developmental disabilities and families to address what their expectations are from mental health and developmental disabilities services.

• Provide a signed letter of agreement between the State mental health system and the State developmental disabilities system of the selected project. As a general guide, ADD will expect to fund only those applications for projects that incorporate the following elements:

• Consumer/self-advocate orientation and participation.

• Key project personnel with direct life, parental, or familial experience with living with a disability.

• Strong advisory components that consist of 51% individuals with disabilities and a structure where individuals with disabilities make real decisions that determine the outcome of the grant.

• Research reflecting the principles of participatory action.

Cultural competency.

• A description of how individuals with disabilities and their families will be involved in all aspects of the design, implementation, and evaluation of the project.

• Attention to unserved and inadequately served individuals, having a range of disabilities from mild to severe, from multicultural backgrounds, rural and inner-city areas, and migrant, homeless, and refugee families.

• Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended by the Rehabilitation Act amendments of 1992 (Pub. L. 102–569).

• Collaboration through partnerships and coalitions.

• Development of the capacity to communicate and disseminate information and technical assistance through e-mail and other effective, affordable, and accessible forms of electronic communication.

• A community-based approach.

• Responsiveness through systems change.

• Identification of barriers and strategies for overcoming barriers.

Outcome orientation.

• Measurement and ongoing evaluation, including the participation of individuals with disabilities in formulation and implementation.

• Development and establishment of practices and programs beyond project period.

• Dissemination of models, products, best practices, and strategies for distribution between the networks and beyond. A plan describing initial activities is needed between funded projects as well as at the end of the project period. These activities should maintain and share ongoing information, existing resources of consultants/experts, and curriculum/ materials with funded projects and within the network.

• Project Duration: This announcement is soliciting applications

for project periods up to three years under this priority area. Awards, on a competitive basis, will be for a one-year budget period, although project periods may be for three years. Applications for continuation grants funded under this priority area beyond the one-year budget period, but within the three-year project period, will be entertained in subsequent years on a non-competitive basis, subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the grantee, and determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the Government.

• *Federal Share of Project Costs:* The maximum Federal share is not to exceed \$100,000 for the first 12-month budget period or a maximum of \$300,000 for a three-year project period.

• *Matching Requirement:* Grantees must provide at least 25 percent of the total approved cost of the project. The total approved cost of the project is the sum of the ACF share and the non-Federal share. The non-Federal share may be met by cash or in-kind contributions, although applicants are encouraged to meet their match requirements through cash contributions. Therefore, a project requesting \$100,000 in Federal funds (based on an award of \$100,000 per budget period) must include a match of at least \$33,333 (25% total project cost).

• Anticipated Number of Projects to be Funded: It is anticipated that up to one (1) project will be funded. Subject to availability of additional resources in FY 1996 and the number of acceptable applications received as a result of this program announcement, the ADD Commissioner may elect to select recipients for the FY 1996 cohort of programs out of the pool of applications submitted for FY 1995 funds.

• *CFDA*: ADD's CFDA (Code of Federal Domestic Assistance) number is 93.631—Developmental Disabilities— Projects of National Significance. This information is needed to complete item 10 on the SF 424.

## Proposed Fiscal Year 1995 Priority Area 7: Children at Risk: The Impact of Abuse and Violence on Children With Disabilities

• *Eligible Applicants:* A State agency to act as the lead agency in the State for the grant project.

• *Purpose*: ADD is interested in funding one or more State demonstration projects for development and implementation of a Statewide collaboration/coordination strategy to reduce the incidence of abuse and neglect of children with disabilities and reduce the incidence of abuse and neglect of children which causes or