

DDA Announced as JDQ Systems 3Spheres Recipient

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The Developmental Disabilities Association has been selected by JDQ Systems Inc. as the recipient of its Fall 2007 3Spheres of Reciprocity Initiative award. 3Spheres is a philosophy and model for healthy, optimal, and successful community engagement. It believes in social responsibility, and builds relationships within the community so all members of society will benefit when we help, learn and profit together.

DDA has developed an innovative system to help agencies, government and social service providers accurately measure how much it will cost to support a person with a disability. JDQ has come in to help DDA develop the computer software to make this new "costing tool" a viable and usable product.

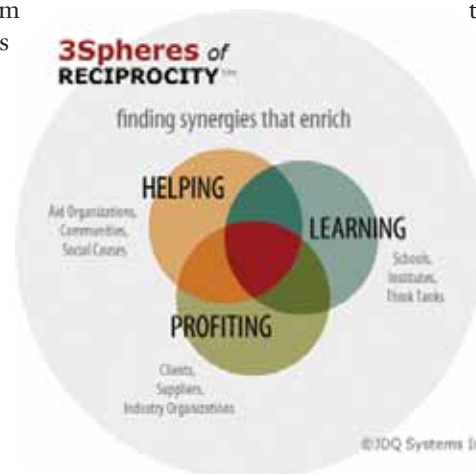
In a time when social service funding is at risk, a product like the costing tool can help governments allocate resources more accurately so agencies can adequately meet the needs of the clients they serve. The costing tool will essentially tailor funding and resources to meet the precise needs of the client.

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The JDQ team joins the DDA team.

JDQ president Jon Morris and his team of business analysts will work with Alanna Hendren and the team at DDA in defining the requirements for the software system, the conceptual design, and research into the unique needs of the people ultimately benefiting from the product. DDA has a patent on the business system and a manual version that has yielded excellent results. JDQ will take this intended social enterprise to the next level by creating system architecture and providing exceptional business advice.



JDQ Systems will work on this project with DDA for three months. "DDA is thrilled to receive this valuable support from JDQ and its collaborators on the 3Spheres team," says Alanna Hendren. "It is an outstanding example of how socially committed companies can contribute to growth and innovation in the non-profit sector".

If you would like to learn more about JDQ and the 3Spheres of Reciprocity Initiative please visit www.jdq.com.