Your Blue Scarf—
What does it mean?

FINDING Numbers, NEMOre Forecasting
For Developmental Disabilities Services & Supports!

Community advocates for developmental disability (DD) issues will be seen each Wednesday all around the capitol sporting their blue scarves with a variety of pins and buttons. We provide you with your own blue scarf each biennial session. Here are two buttons to get you started this session. (If you need a new scarf, email Diana@arcwa.org)

Throughout this legislative session, community advocates will be bringing you additional pin buttons to add to your scarf. Each addition will represent another Policy or Budget issue for the DD community. Please add them to your scarf to let them know you appreciate their voices!

Our 2020 Priorities:

Caseload Forecast DD Services—SB 6040 and 6056
Ruckleshaus Recommendations—SB 6419 and HB 2672
Provide Supports for Families in Crisis—HB 2682
Rights of People with DD—SB 5843 ~ HB 1651
End Sub-minimum Wage—SB 5753
Protect the DD Community Trust—SB 6190
Reform Guardianship—SB 6287
Stalking of Vulnerable Adults—SB 5338 ~ HB 1422
Special Education—HB 2581 and SB 6117 ~ HB 2258
DD Designation—SB 6249 ~ HB 2463
Everyone deserves safe and healthy living situations regardless of disability status. Staying in hospitals or institutions is not what people with disabilities want! We want to stay in the community with DD supports in accessible and affordable housing situations. We need legislators to increase funding for SOLA’s in the I/DD community and close institutions.

More Funding for SOLA’s in the Community

End Sub Minimum Wage

We believe that all workers should be paid minimum wage or above. No person with disabilities should be denied an equal wage! We need their legislators to end sub minimum wage in public and private businesses!

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Expand Services that Personal Care Providers can perform

Caregivers are often the backbone for many people with disabilities! Quite often they are relied upon to perform many tasks for their clients. We need legislators to expand services that care providers can perform. Caregivers should be allowed to respond to person centered needs at home and in the community.

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The DD Ombuds office is currently working on legislation of DDA clients rights. We are in support of this legislation.

Rights for People Who Use DDA Services

Self advocates need legislators to reform responses to abusive situations. Neglect is a form of abuse where the predator who is responsible for caring for someone, who is unable to care for themselves, fails to do so. Financial exploitation, physical, emotional, and sexual abuse should also not be tolerated. Abuse continues to be commonplace. Proactive solutions need to be identified and implemented.

Reform response to Abuse and Neglect