

2020 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire for Developmental Disabilities

Name: Tom Dent

District: 13

Position: State Representative position #1



1. *If you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has a developmental disability, would you describe its impact on you?*

Humbling, heartfelt . I have met some of the most inspiring people since being in the Legislature with developmental disabilities. They have so much to give to all of us. It is so important to help them all we can.

2. *What are your top three legislative priorities and how would you help people with developmental disabilities in them?*

Children's Mental Health. Foster Parent program. Early Learning/Childcare providers. In whatever area we need to support our children and give them the tools they need to be successful in life, regardless of any disability they may have.

3. *With the current economic crisis, how would you protect services that people with I/DD and their families need?*

The current economic situation and the extent of the crisis is not totally known at this time. It will be necessary to prioritize out needs and look at the efficiencies we could create to stretch our money. This budget crisis is going to require getting out of the box. The way I will be able to help is by supporting the prioritization of the I/DD services.

4. *Is there other information you'd like constituents with developmental disabilities and their family and friends to know?*

I am committed to do all I can to help this community and support these special people. That being said, it is up to you to bring me the ideas you would like to see implemented.