

## 2020 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire for Developmental Disabilities

**Name:** Michelle Caldier

**District:** 26

**Position:** 2

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

When I was in the 7th and 8th grade, I lived with a woman who was severely autistic. She taught me so much about the challenges she faced and how to think about others before myself.

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

I have more than three legislative priorities, and among them are getting people back to work, preserving essential programs to vulnerable individuals, and public safety.

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

I am a dentist by trade and had a large population of patients with developmental disabilities.

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

I have sponsored several bills to improve employment services for individuals with developmental disabilities and am passionate on improving access to services. I will fight to preserve funding for services as our state faces a \$7 Billion revenue shortfall. In addition, I have an open door policy, so if you are in Olympia during session, come by my office!

State Representative Michelle Caldier  
26th Legislative District