



Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council

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The DD Council will consider the following when deciding to support or oppose budget and policy proposals:

- ✓ Is the proposal consistent with the values of the Council's federal law, and Council policies and principles?
- ✓ Does the proposal address the goals of disability policy for individuals with developmental disabilities; namely Self-Determination, Equality of Opportunity, Full Participation, Independent Living and Economic Self Sufficiency?
- ✓ Does the proposal invest in home and community services that protect independence, stability and employment?
- ✓ Is the proposal sustainable with respect to both short and long-term revenue growth options so that people who require publicly-funded services are appropriately supported in the community?
- ✓ Does the proposal assist people with developmental disabilities and their families to access needed services?
- ✓ Does the proposal explore efficiencies in the DD system and reinvest savings to serve people with developmental disabilities, especially those who are unserved?
- ✓ Does the proposal include a plan to measure program and service effectiveness and impact, and provide avenues for accountability of those programs and services in providing desired outcomes?

Washington State DD Council Supports Proposals that:

- Provide enhanced staffing and funding for home and community based culturally and linguistically relevant services. These services would support individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families over the life span.
- Remove barriers to improve and increase access to local and community supports so that people can choose the types of services that best enable them



to live meaningful and productive lives. Special attention should be given to removing barriers that disproportionately impact communities of color, those who are experiencing the biggest gaps in access, and increasing culturally and linguistically relevant services.

- Uphold the human and civil rights of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities to live lives that are integrated and inclusive, where their identities, language, and culture are respected. Their lives should be free from abuse, neglect, exploitation and isolation.
- Improve outcomes for our entire diverse community including those discriminated against due to ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability status, socioeconomic level, and age.
- Accountability of the proposal includes measurable outcomes that impact our community in the intended way. That includes a plan to measure program and service effectiveness and impact, and provides avenues for accountability of those programs and services in providing desired outcomes.

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