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Do you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has an intellectual/developmental disability? (I/DD) If so would you describe its impact on you? How would it affect you in this job?

I am the only candidate that has done direct care coordination with HCS and DSHS-DDA in order to advocate for individuals under the umbrella of I/DD diagnosis' living in assisted living, adult family homes, and hospitalization. Based on the individuals self identified needs and their own crisis plan development.

What are your top three priorities and how would you ensure people with developmental disabilities and their families are included in them?

Regional service coordination, direct services to our community members where they are, and development of more adequate funding opportunities.

Washington is 38th in the Nation for per-capita spending for individuals with I/DD. Would improving this statistic be a priority for you, and if so, what would your strategy be?

In my district, our I/DD community members do not have access to simple life improving daily living needs such as basic access to transportation and social events. This is why we must better advocate for funding and regional non-gate-kept access to services.

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

I am the only dual role behavioral health specialist and Certified Peer Counselor in this race. I will always advocate for the individuals self identified needs based on taking time to build rapport and efforts to hear our community members when they self advocate. I am also certified trauma informed and person-first orientated.