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HOUSING

- Invest in affordable, accessible, inclusive Housing through the DD set aside Housing Trust Fund
- Establish a long-term funding source for DD Housing



WORKFORCE THAT WORKS FOR US

- Invest in an adequate network of well-paid, well-trained therapists and providers
- Establish a tiered rate model for services to better support high needs individuals, expand access and prevent crisis
- Allow Parent Providers to work for an agency



ADEQUATE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND NETWORKS

- Invest in robust community services so Residential Habilitation Centers (RHC) can be downsized
- Expand community-based crisis response
- Increase Community Residential rates to prevent turnover and crisis
- Expand availability of meaningful activities to prevent isolation



SUPPORTS & SERVICES THAT WORK!

- Ensure that parents of minor children have the supports they need to be financially secure
- Prioritize Senior Families
- Add housing navigation and future planning to the waivers
- Replenish the Developmental Disabilities Endowment Trust Fund



EQUALITY & CIVIL RIGHTS

- Downsize and close Residential Habilitation Centers
- Fund legal aide services for individuals with I/DD
- Pay for gravestones at Lakeland Village
- Preserve historical records and artifacts at all RHCs
- Expand access to transportation services
- Wheelchair transport related to Emergency Medical Services



EDUCATION

- Expand training to end isolation and restrict the use of restraint
- Eliminate the Special Education cap and fully fund Basic Education
- Provide Special Education services through age 22 for the entire school year
- Build on and invest in inclusionary practices



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FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The Arc's vision is for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) to be valued members of their communities with the opportunity to realize their full potential and a future that is secure.

The Arc of Washington State has been advocating for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families since 1936. We work to ensure that the state knows the critical needs of both children and adults with IDD and that the necessary funding for those quality services and supports is consistently appropriated by the legislature. The Arc of Washington State centers the voices of individuals with IDD and their families ensuring they have the information they need to have an active voice as legislative policies and budgets are crafted and passed each year.



The Arc of Washington State has compiled input from members, stakeholders, and like-mission organizations and coalitions to identify legislative priorities for the 2025-2026 Legislative Session. The Arc works closely with the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), the Governor's Office, and multiple agencies to provide input to agency Decision Packages and advocate for gaps in community-based services and civil rights.



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