

2026 Developmental Disabilities and Delays

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



Preserve, Protect & Strengthen Access to Core Services

People with developmental delays and intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) in King County and their families and caregivers have identified that services must be sustainable and promote equity, inclusion, and belonging. These priorities for the State Legislature center the critical needs of individuals with I/DD, including those who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, while responding to the unique current federal context as well as state fiscal limitations.



Protect Medicaid and safety net services, including for people with I/DD.



Preserve care for infants and young children, especially those with I/DD who already face the greatest barriers to accessing health services.



Protect Employment and Community Inclusion services that allow people with I/DD to live, work, and belong in their communities. This includes maintaining and protecting existing funding streams, and continuing to ensure Home and Community-Based Services Waivers are available for all students with I/DD leaving high school.



Maintain access to safe, accessible, and affordable housing and wraparound services, including investments in operations, supportive services, and repairs to existing buildings.



Invest in culturally rooted and linguistically responsive services by expanding interpretation, translation, and cultural navigation. Protect the rights of immigrant and refugee communities to access these services.



Preserve and strengthen behavioral health crisis services and treatment, including for people with I/DD, by investing in the behavioral health workforce.