



The Arc
Washington State

2026 Legislative Session Overview



What Happened?

What Legislators Faced

- Inflation is up
- Revenue is down
- New SNAP costs
- Loss of Medicaid funding
- Growing caseloads
- Employment is cooling



Our Concerns Services



Maintaining
Eligibility
for DD
Services

Preserving
Personal
Care Hours

Keeping
Waiver
Services
Intact

Sustaining
Provider
Rates

Our Message



Protect
Disability Services



Protect
Community Living



Protect
Disability Rights

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HEARINGS



BUDGET SIDE BY SIDE



BILLS OF INTEREST

<https://arcwa.org/advocacy/bill-tracker/>

How they balanced the Budget

- Millionaires' tax on those making over \$1 million a year (beginning in 2028)
- Draws on the rainy-day fund (\$880 million)
- Cancelled plans to expand programs
- Moves funding around accounts
- Cuts



What We Can Celebrate

- No Changes to Eligibility
- No Cuts to Early Supports for Infants and Toddlers
- Provider rates were not lowered
- No cuts to Therapies
- No cuts for Medicaid for schools
- \$ for a comprehensive plan



Concerns

- Employment & Day, and IFS Underspend
- Next year HR1 hits
- Other Federal Issues: Medicaid “Fraud”
- Social Security



Bills that have Passed!

- 5863: Preservation of Records
- 2350: Transparency at RHCs
- 2230: Streamlining Community Residential
- 1390: Repealing the Community Protection Program
- 1795: Addressing restraint & Isolation of students
- 5969: Highschool & Beyond Plans
- 6268: Providing Access to Sp Ed complaints
- 2323: Blue Envelope program
- 6035: Voting portal for disabled voters



Your Voice was Heard!

- Thank you for showing up!



What can you do Now

You can thank your
Legislators for all their
hard work this year.

You can pat yourself
and other fellow self
advocates on the back
for the great advocacy
work this year.

You can start to look at
Federal bills and issues
to work on

What's Next?



Governor Signs or Vetoes

Remember

Finding

- Finding your Legislators is easy, visit <https://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder/> and type in your address

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- Finding out who is on which Committee is also easy visit <https://leg.wa.gov/about-the-legislature/committees/?name=> and explore the Committees.

What can you do After Session

Meet	Meet your Legislatures for a coffee or a snack
Think about	Think about new ideas for bills
Talk	Talk to your family, friends or community members about what's important to you
Keep	Keep involved with advocacy organizations or groups
Take	Take a much deserved break

Thank you!



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