



*Many Voices / One Vision*



## 2026 Legislative Candidate Survey

*Questions for Legislative Candidates — The Arc of Washington  
The Community Advocacy Coalition for Developmental Disabilities  
The Children's Campaign Fund*

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**1. Do you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has an intellectual/developmental disability (IDD)? If yes, would you describe its impact on you and your candidacy? If not, what have you learned about people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and how has it impacted your candidacy?**

Yes I do. I'm not running because of this, it does not affect my campaign much, I am however, sympathetic to the plight of the severely disabled.

**2. What policies and systems are you aware of that impact the lives of people with IDD and their families? If elected, what responsibility would you have to change those policies or systems?**

I'd like to see all people live their best lives including the severely disabled. I have a friend of a friend with a disabled son who just got him into a wonderful facility. It's a small thing we do to take care of the very vulnerable. Another young man works at a gym I go to. It's good for him. Gives his mom a break. And is good for all of us who go there. I have other personal connections I won't share here but I am genuinely sympathetic to your cause.

**3. If elected, what are your top three priorities, and how would people with IDD and their families benefit from each priority?**

- 1) help IDD citizens live their best lives best life they can
- 2) help the families of these people live their best life
- 3) get good value for the taxpayers, no grift or lined pockets.

**4. When you have questions about how to best support people with IDD and their families, what or who are your trusted resources?**

I have many personal connections I trust. Not that I'm any kind of expert. I'm always willing to listen and learn.

**5. The national trend -- and legal mandate --- supports transitioning individuals with IDD out of institutional settings and into community-based care, which is not only the best practice but also the most cost-effective approach. Studies consistently show that community-based services cost significantly less per person than institutional care while providing greater independence and quality of life. In Washington the cost of care in a Residential Habilitation Center (RHC) is more than double the cost of equivalent services in community settings. Although Washington has made progress, continued efforts are needed to align with best practices, civil rights, federal priorities, and fiscal responsibility. Transitioning more individuals into community-based care will allow the state to reinvest savings into services for much needed community-based services. How do you believe Washington state should approach investment in home and community based services for people with IDD in the next five years?**

That's a loaded question but I'm all for small community based services where practical.

**6. Is there any other information you'd like constituents with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their family and friends to know?**

I'm not looking for money or endorsements. If elected I will serve only one set of masters, the citizens of the 2nd district in. Including, actually especially the vulnerable and the disabled .