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2026 Legislative Candidate Survey

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

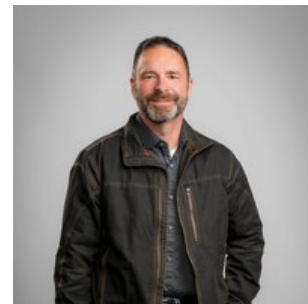
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1. Do you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has an intellectual/developmental disability (IDD)? If yes, would you describe its impact on you and your candidacy? If not, what have you learned about people with intellectual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

Yes, I have had many professional and personal experiences with people that have an IDD both as a firefighter/EMT and a legislator. I have friends and family that have impacted me as well. I really enjoy spending time with them. I have had them page for me at the Capitol in Olympia and took that opportunity to introduce them to the Speaker and others in my caucus as well as those on the other side of the aisle. They were wonderful to work with, and I would like to see more opportunities for them to work at the

Capitol this next session. I appreciate their kindness and joy. They have impacted my life in many positive ways as well as those that got the chance to meet them.

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?

We need to work on more employment opportunities. This is one of the reasons that I made an effort to introduce my IDD pages to everyone I could. Fulling funding K-12 IDD resources is imperative.

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

Affordability, reducing crime and protecting the vulnerable are priorities. These will all positively impact the IDD community. I want to see them thrive and have more opportunities not less. Affordability affects this community as much as anyone else if not more. I want to make sure that their needs are met and that their families don't have to shoulder a financial burden alone. Reducing crime will make it easier for the IDD community to safely navigate their communities. Protecting the vulnerable is important to make sure that there are safeguards in place to ensure that they don't fall through the cracks and are able to experience the fullest life possible.

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

The ARC is a trusted source as well as family members of those in the IDD community.

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?

We need to make home-based care a priority. That means that we look for those opportunities first and instruct our state partners to do the same.

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

I support the IDD community. My door is always open, and I look forward to hearing from you and addressing any concerns you may have. I want your input on any legislation affecting the IDD community moving forward as you are the experts and know the exact impact any potential legislation may have.