



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?

No, but what I have learned is people need individual plans that work for 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?

Families also need respite care, and adequate funding

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

Strong economy (people with IDD would realize more resources), a solid K12 system (IDD would benefit from a system that works better for them) and strong public safety-everyone benefits from safer communities

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

People who work with IDD people, and organizations such as the Arc

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?

All people to the greatest extent possible should receive community care as it is more effective and more affordable for all involved

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

I will always be an open door for you