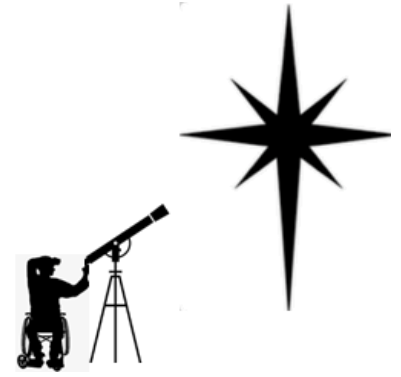


Zooming in on the Northstar

Developmental Disabilities
Public Policy Agenda Briefing
Wednesday, January 12, 2022
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm



2:00 Welcome to the 2022 Legislative Session:

- Gabriella Ewing (WA State Developmental Disabilities Council)
- Ivanova Smith (Self Advocates in Leadership)
- ❖ Poll #1

2:10 Northstar Coalition – Adrienne Stuart, Priya Jayadev, Kyle Matheson

2:20 2022 Operating Budget:

- Caseload Forecasting – Stacy Dym
- Community Supports for Children/Continuum of Care – Katrina Davis
- Transitional Care Management – Jessica Renner
- Enhanced Case Management – Jeremy Norden-Paul
- Enhanced SOLAs for DD clients with severely challenging behavior – Meseret Haile
- ❖ Poll #2

3:00 2022 Bills of Interest:

Diana Stadden (The Arc of Washington State)

- SB 5268 (Sen Keiser/Sen Braun) – Adrienne Stuart
- HB 1566 (Rep Pollet) – Ivanova Smith
- HB 1153 (Rep Orwall) – Open Doors
- ❖ Poll #3

3:30 Shut Them Down Rally

Shawn Latham (Shut Them Down Coalition)

- ❖ Poll #4

3:45 Wrap-up: Advocacy Days, Legislative Reception, Feedback

4:00 Briefing ends, get ready for the 5:30 Reception (Note it's a different link)

Developmental Disabilities Annual Statewide Legislative Reception

TONIGHT: January 12, 2022 at 5:30

Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvdeigrTkqE9HUFubqKgdY_sf8UAPof2jT

Sign up for Action Alerts at www.arcwa.org/action-center

You KNOW me...

I live in the 4th Legislative District. Senator Mike Padden, Representative Matt Shea and Representative Bob McClain represent ME!



I attend East Valley High School,
I love listening to music,
I can't wait to go to my first high school dance.
I really need a respite provider!

There are an estimated 117,000 individuals with a developmental disability in Washington State. Some of us need state services and supports to fully participate and be included in our community. More than 48,000 of us are qualified for support services with the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) to help us be productive citizens, but thousands of people sit on DDA wait lists for services, others can't find providers, all due to lack of state funding.

PLEASE ADEQUATELY FUND COMMUNITY DDA SERVICES!

Help us create a state where people with intellectual/developmental disabilities are included in their communities and neighborhoods and where quality supports and services respond to their needs and personal choices.
To learn how you can help, go to: www.arcwa.org/advocacy

The Arc of Washington State - (888) 754-8798

The Arc of Washington State's "You KNOW Me!" campaign is intended to help legislators get meaningful perspective from some of their constituents who have a developmental disability. Email Diana@arcwa.org to learn how you can add your voice!

Advocacy Days:

Below you can register for each weekly Advocacy Day. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Jan 19, 2022 Housing Accessibility

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kf-mhrjkhV9DV0XBH0itS5tuCwqfvP4EX>

Jan 26, 2022 Civil Rights: Nothing About Us Without Us & Shut Them Down Rally at Noon*

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pc-isqT4vH9lJaOnKHeKhV2Y6aMt3ynua>

Feb 2, 2022 Employment and Day Services

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckf-qhrzsqGNwDkM9UEwWgseEmRuJHS45N>

Feb 9, 2022 Barriers to Transportation

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrcuqapjwvHNOpTTzn3lfxZ-HB9Xky7O5i>

Feb 16, 2022 Caregiving of Children and Adults

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEgduqvrTwrGdYsaYnRh09zv6mehC5kNvFT>

Feb 23, 2022 Meeting All Needs in Education

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMocOyrqj0rG9E7HRMqBjUPA5Am8KDWRZ0u>

Mar 2, 2022 Healthcare for People with IDD

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYufuyhqjssHtaaT5kjGuBesCbcfXtk0yCT>

* The in-person Shut Them Down Rally is scheduled to take place at the capitol, pandemic permitting.

Continuum of Care

Children and youth with complex behavioral issues need a continuum of care across state agencies and local providers. Funding is provided for 32 beds and agency administration costs at the Health Care Authority to create a short-term Residential Crisis Stabilization Program (RCSP) for youth with severe behavioral health diagnoses. The capital budget includes appropriations for design and construction of a new facility that is anticipated to open in fiscal year 2024. This funding also will hire a program manager to begin planning for services in this facility. In the 2023-25 biennium, DDA will have additional staffing costs to provide case management, resources and other services for children and youth served in the facility. (\$84,000 General Fund - State, \$84,000 General Fund - Federal, \$168,000 Total)

Transitional Care Management - Jessica

Funding is provided to coordinate transitions of care for 2,100 clients who move from one type of care setting to a new one. This includes ramping up staffing from 38 FTEs in fiscal year 2023 to 104 FTEs in fiscal year 2025 to create transition coordination teams, mobile diversion and rapid response teams, and enhanced support for providers. (\$4.8 M General Fund - State, \$3.7 M General Fund - Federal, \$8.5 Total)

Community Supports for Children

Families caring for children and youth with significant behavioral issues need extra support. This funding will expand intensive habilitation services and out-of-home services for children and youth from ages eight to 21. This includes adding six three-bed facilities in licensed intensive habilitation services and six three-bed facilities for long-term enhanced out-of-home services. (\$5.5 M General Fund - State, \$3.4 M General Fund - Federal, \$8.9 M Total)

Enhanced Case Management - Jeremy

Funding is provided to expand access to the enhanced case management program from 700 to 1500 clients. This will include 50 FTE case managers to increase the program's capacity and reduce caseload ratios to one case manager per 30 clients. It also will enhance the Comprehensive Assessment Reporting and Evaluation system to provide automatic nursing referrals for clients in this program. (\$3.7 M General Fund - State, \$2.7 M General Fund - Federal, \$6.4 M Total)

Youth Inpatient Navigators

Funding is provided for 7.0 FTE, including a project manager and social and health program consultants, to participate in youth inpatient navigator meetings, in coordination with the Health Care Authority. This will help coordinate care and services for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. New regional teams will convene key stakeholders, including MCOs, hospitals, educational districts and community providers, to find the right services for youth in crisis. (\$82,000 General Fund - State, \$82,000 General Fund - Federal, \$164,000 Total)

Caseload Forecasting: Stacy

Transform Services for DDA Clients

The department will use this funding to forecast the need for community and residential services (including respite beds and crisis stabilization services), study Medicaid rates, and develop metrics for community

residential providers and additional DDA services for a new caseload forecast. (\$160,00 General Fund - State, No General Fund - Federal, \$160,000 Total)

DDA Waiver and SOLA Forecasting

Funding is provided for 3.0 FTE staff to determine appropriate methods to forecast services to clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Currently, the number of clients served under the individual family services, basic plus waivers and state-operated living alternatives (SOLA) is capped. The 2021-23 biennial budget directed the program to estimate the number of clients who need these services. (\$205,000 General Fund - State, \$205,000 General Fund - Federal, \$410,000 Total)

Policies/Budget Provisos: Enhanced SOLAs for DD clients with severely challenging behavior

- Create a work group that will include representatives from HCA and DDA as well as advocates and self-advocates. The work group will be tasked with examining the issues of certification for frontline workers, appropriate rates for behavior support, as well as other considerations in setting up an EBSH model, with recommendations to come in a report.
- Increase rates for DDA Supported Living and for Certified Behavior Techs (HCA).
- Support forecast-adjust funding for DDA waived services in the Governor's budget.
- Policy: Pass SB 5268
- Policy: Increase training requirements for staff at Supported Living & SOLAs to become effective this year.