

# 2022 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire



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1. Do you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has a intellectual/developmental disability (IDD), and if so, would you describe its impact on you? If not, what impact do you want to have for people with IDD and their families?

I befriended a person with IDD in middle school and I learned how to successfully handle the teasing that we both received at recess. That was part of the experiences that helped instill in me a belief that we all need to treat everyone with respect and value every member of the community.

2. What are your top three priorities and how would you ensure people with developmental disabilities and their families are included in them?

- 1) Employment support. I firmly believe that everyone can be a productive member of society and contribute in their own way. I would be an advocate for jobs, and work hours that can be tailored to individual needs and talents.
- 2) Increase community services
- 3) Increase personal services and expedite transition from HRC care

3. If cuts became necessary due to a recession or economic downturn, how would you protect services that people with IDD and their families need?

I would work to prioritize the services that protect people with IDD. I would work within the legislature to find alternative funding sources. We have a wealthy state that can afford to protect those who need assistance.

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