

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 do not have an immediate family connection but as a current nurse and former paramedic, I definitely have professional experience with patients with an intellectual/developmental disability (IDD) and especially their family who are usually their caretakers. The impact I want to have is to ensure what the IDD community gets everything they need.

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

Recognize the talents of people with disabilities. The public largely views people with disabilities as warm and kind, but not necessarily competent. However, people with disabilities are talented.

Make sure people with disabilities are part of the solution. People with disabilities are ready to contribute their lived experiences to problem-solving and deserve a seat at the table.

Make a commitment to enable people with disabilities to develop peer relationships, build social skills, and respect and accept each other.

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 don't know how aligned you are with the Center for American Progress but I had read that they wanted to institute a disabled worker tax credit that would reduce hardship and make it possible for more people with disabilities to work by counteracting the additional costs associated with their disabilities.

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

I am running for office to actually do some good. I know it's kind of a cliché but when I say I actually want to do my part to help people, it's not a talking point. It's my background, my career. For me to be a part of change, I need help to get elected. I need help from all stakeholders who can see me as right choice.

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