

# 2022 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire



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1. Do you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has an 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 have a granddaughter with IDD which has really opened my eyes to the struggles that families go through finding resources and help. She has always been such a vibrant and gregarious child, a joy to be around and has brought such happiness to me and our family. I would love to see her, and other young adults have more social opportunities to thrive and to enjoy happy lives. I hope to expand legislatively what has been started with financial assistance and tools for families. This is a priority for me.

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

#### Childcare

I would like to continue the work that is being done in Olympia to provide quality childcare to families and particularly families with disabilities. Particularly immigrant and families that English is not their primary language. I think it's important to keep families together and to provide services to that end.

#### Healthcare

As a 25-year critical care nurse improving Healthcare is a priority. Many folks with disabilities have limited access to high quality healthcare and I would like to improve access and resources.

#### Jobs and economic opportunities for working families

Many of the problems that we face today can be solved with addressing issues that are holding working families back. Our economic recovery is important to addressing many of these complex problems.

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 be willing to find funding for these essential services outside the traditional sources. We have to protect the most vulnerable in our communities.

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

Folk with IDD are important and valued members of our communities, supporting families and providing opportunities to them is important to me. My door will always be open and I would love to work with the ARC in the amazing work that you are doing.

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