

# Advocacy Day 2024

Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)



January 31, 2024

**Topic:** [How Do We Support Families to Support Their Loved Ones?](#)

**Summary:** Individuals with I/DD require support throughout their lives. Families are often the main caregivers for them even after they reach adulthood. The service system relies on families to be caregivers because there are not enough resources to adequately serve everyone.

**What We Need:** Family caregivers have unique challenges and need to have access to services that provide the tools they need to be able to keep their family whole and sustain themselves until they are no longer able to care for the person or the person chooses to live independently. These include peer support when their child is newly diagnosed, accessible and affordable childcare that can service children with disabilities with appropriately trained staff, they need a break from caregiving, and they need help to be able to plan for when they can no longer care for their loved one.

Welcome:	Hosts: Taylor Crisp and Tanika Aiden	5 minutes
Overview of Topic:	Cathy Murahashi	5 minutes
Childcare	Tana Senn video <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHrJs5CqwWY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHrJs5CqwWY</a>	3 minutes
Family Support	P2P Tracie Hoppis	5 minutes
Parent Pay for minor children	Whitney Stohr and Katie Scheid	5 minutes
Safety Support at Home	Sandi Gruberg	5 minutes
Day Services	Jim Wellman	5 minutes
The support I need to live at home	Mike Gantala	5 minutes
Workforce	Demas Nesterenko, SEIU	5 minutes
Bills and Budgets	Cathy Murahashi	20 minutes
What you can do today!	Shawn Latham	5 minutes