

WA DDC Visioning Session Summary

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Advocacy Summary:

- Advocacy partnerships with unified voices that are cross system, cross disability, cultivate legislative champions and are centered on equity, accessibility, inclusion for all
- Provide ongoing formal legislative advocacy training, prioritizing people with lived experience from marginalized communities
- Target advocacy to preserve and protect civil rights laws through diverse communication forms at local, state, and federal levels that is understood by the general public

Capacity Building Summary

- Make Washington a global leader in home and community-based services by expanding community resources so people can remain in their communities and out of institutions
- Employ people with lived experience to help design our systems and move into decision-making and leadership positions
- Invest in family support across the full family unit, including multigenerational housing, lifespan coaching, and succession planning
- Expand education, information and resources to care providers, law enforcement, medical professionals, and the broader community about DD

Systems Change Summary

- **Access & Entry:** One Door Approach that is transparent, includes entry points that match an individual's experience, uses plain language, decreases paperwork requirements and does not screen out those with health and behavioral health needs
- **Person-Centered & Self-Directed:** Systems centered on self-direction and lived experience, increased support and engagement from case management and less reliance on families for advocacy and care
- **Transportation:** Collaboration to increase public transportation mobility and accessibility with a focus on expanding rural access
- **Housing & Community Living:** Expand safe, supported and affordable community-based housing and residential options to decrease reliance on facilities by offering futures planning, systems navigators and removing the \$2,000 asset cap
- **Crisis & Behavioral Health:** Develop a robust, accessible system to support individuals in active crisis by eliminating discrimination in behavioral health settings
- **Rural & Geographic Equity:** Develop stronger, better-funded services that include transportation support for individuals and qualified professionals who travel in rural communities

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- **Workforce & Provider Education:** Create workforce development initiatives that focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion among caregivers by incorporating various teaching methods and styles, integrating into schools of higher education and continuing education curricula, and strengthening leadership training opportunities
- **Coordination & Accountability:** Coordinate inside and between agencies to build accountable, responsive and individualized service systems, while engaging businesses and organizations to understand and support those systems
- **Design & Inclusion:** Develop human-centered design principles that include input from people with lived experience, support all stages of life, are culturally and linguistically accessible, assume all people have the capacity to contribute, and include emerging technology tools