

DDC July 2024 Monthly Updates

July 8, 2024

Hello everyone, we are excited to be together soon! Here are some updates from things that happened in June and a few details about the meeting next week. Please let us know if there are questions or concerns. Thanks so much!

- As you know, we launched our Advocacy Leadership Development Cohort project (ALDC) last month. The Training Team for that project is a super cool collaboration of three different organizations that focus on advocacy training in our state, the [Arc of Snohomish](#), [Open Doors for Multi-Cultural Families](#) and [PEACE NW](#). Learn more about the project on our [website](#) and stay tuned for information about the nine community teams that make up the Cohort in coming newsletters.
- The Behavioral Health Project that you voted on in February has been awarded to the National Leadership Consortium on Developmental Disabilities: [The National Leadership Consortium on Developmental Disabilities \(natleadership.org\)](http://natleadership.org). Our team has met with them and they have started the project.
- The Incarceration Project that was also voted on in February was awarded to the University of Washington's Institute on Human Development and Disability: [Institute on Human Development and Disability - UW IHDD](#). The contract is in final stages for signatures and the work is underway.
- You may remember that we hosted a workshop at the Community Summit with a focus on three of our main State Plan areas. Please check out the notes from those breakout group conversations here: [Community Summit DDC Workshop 2024 | WADDC](#).

Council Meeting Updates:

- Just a reminder that we have TWO chair seats open and we will be voting on them Friday morning. One co-chair seat is open and one vice-chair seat is open. Please let Linda know if you're interested in running for a seat or want to nominate someone else. Please be sure to ask the person you are nominating before the meeting so they have time to consider the idea before the Friday vote.

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· Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Project:

1. Development Day on Wednesday, July 10th will focus on our Diversity Equity and Inclusion project with Offshootz. Please find the agenda for that day below.

2. Offshootz invites you to participate in the Intercultural Development Inventory® (IDI®) survey. This research-based tool measures how you perceive and respond to cultural differences and commonalities. This information will help us understand how the DDC engages diversity and identifies strengths and opportunities in navigating cultural differences. There will be support to take this survey at the meeting next week if that is helpful. Please see that attached document for more information.

3. Offshootz created a list of wellness resources that may be useful as you work through the Diversity Equity and Inclusion project and future work surrounding this topic. The resources are located on that website project page for your reference and use: Protected page (wa.gov) Password: Offshootz

I hope you all had good holidays yesterday and are looking toward the weekend. Thanks for your contributions to our Council and see you soon.

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