

# DDC June 2024 Monthly Updates

June 3, 2024

Hello DD Council Members, we hope the beginning of June is going well for everyone. I am really proud and excited of all that our team has to share with you this month!

- Later this week we will launch our first DDC Monthly Newsletter! We plan to send updates out to the community on a monthly basis so people can stay informed with what's happening here at the DDC, share useful information within our Developmental Disabilities community, and hopefully connect with each other more as a result. These monthly updates will be available through a [WADDC Newsletter](#). We will also post them on our website News page and on our LinkedIn and Facebook pages.

- As promised at our April Council Meeting, we are launching our Members Page today! You may remember that we have been creating a Members Page on our website based on your feedback. This page will hopefully help you have easier access to information about the DDC, learn more about each other and have a space to go to when you have questions. You will need to set up your account to get started. Christie created a short Members Page Guide to help you through this process and you'll see when you open the link below that the first step is to receive an email invitation to create your account. That email will come to you by 4:00 today. Please look over the Guide and reach out to Christie with questions or for support. [Using the DDC Members Page \(webflow.com\)](#)

- The Members Page has a space for all of us to share information about ourselves so that we can get to know each other better and have access to each other's contact information. You can see the DDC staff information that we've posted as examples in the Directory tab on the Members Page. Please use this short form to send us your bio and photo for your section on that page: [Council Member Photo and Bio \(smartsheet.com\)](#)

- The photos Sarah Forster took of us during the April Council Meeting are available, including headshots of those who asked for them. Check them out here: [DDC Meeting 2024 Photos - Dropbox](#)

- [April Council Meeting Minutes](#) and [Town Hall Notes](#) have been posted.

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- We are really excited to share updates on the three projects we are running this summer! We are currently signing contracts for both the Incarceration and Behavioral Health projects. We will share information about the organizations doing that work once contracts are finalized. For the Advocacy Development Leadership Cohort project, the following organizations have signed contracts to participate as Community Teams: Alatheia Riding Center, Community Employment Alliance, DeltaE4, JI Solution Services, Kids Rise Fund, People First WA, Progress House, Prolific Success and Wise. We will share more information about these organizations as we get to know them and they get to work in this project.
  - Finally, if you have not yet responded to the Executive Director Survey, I invite you to participate. You should have received an email from Emily Boehm with a link to the survey. It will remain open until June 7th. Your participation is highly encouraged and deeply appreciated. Your responses will be collected anonymously to encourage openness and candid feedback. If you do not receive the survey invitation email or have technical issues with the survey, please contact Emily Boehm at [emily@evergreenworkforceconsulting.com](mailto:emily@evergreenworkforceconsulting.com). Support to complete the survey is available by contacting Adana Protonentis at [adana@adanap.com](mailto:adana@adanap.com) or Sydney Krebsbach [Skrebsbach20@gmail.com](mailto:Skrebsbach20@gmail.com).
- If you have questions or need any support, please reach out. Thanks for your contributions to the DDC and have a great rest of spring!

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