

DDC September 2024 Monthly Updates

September 4, 2024

Hello everyone, happy September! Here are some updates from what happened in August.

1. We received our Informing Families contract amendment from DDA and are working to get the 12 coordinators' and the Arc of Washington's contracts signed now. Our amendment with DDA includes a family-focused gathering later this year, a website redesign project, and a new coordinator position in the NE corner of the State. We will send out the job posting to help us spread the word about the position once it is available. Learn more about Informing Families here: [Informing Families | Navigating the future](#)
2. October is coming soon and we are excited to hold our quarterly council meeting in Walla Walla this year! Please save the date for the Transition Fair that Walla Walla County has asked us to attend the night prior to our first day of the meeting. We will be at the Walla Walla Community College the evening of Wednesday, October 16th to host a conversation about what transition-aged students and their families need to be successful in adulthood during the fair. More details will come as the event is planned.
3. As our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) project with Offshootz is coming to a close, Offshootz will deliver a report at a Zoom meeting on Friday, September 27th at 1:00. I will send a meeting invitation today and the information is also posted on the project page of our website: [Protected page \(wa.gov\)](#), password: Offshootz. Please plan to come hear Offshoot's assessment of our Council (a result of the survey we took last month) and their recommendations for next steps.
4. One of our core programs, the Advocacy Partnership Project, is conducting their annual survey in preparation for legislative session. The 2025 Survey on I/DD Concerns & Advocacy in WA State is now open for input. Please help us share the survey and get feedback from your community: <https://forms.gle/xCt2KQ1EUV2ruPwa7>
5. Reminder to please reach out to Linda if you open to being a peer mentor for one of our new council members: linda.west@ddc.wa.gov.
6. Finally, congratulations to co-chair, Sydney Krebsbach for receiving the HerStory Award from the Global Women's Peace Network USA! Please see the attached announcement to learn more about the award and help me congratulate Sydney on this accomplishment!

As always, please reach out if you have questions or concerns about any of this information. Have a good September and thank you for all that you do on behalf of our community!

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