

DDC November 2024 Monthly Updates

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Hello everyone,

I am reaching out with a handful of updates for the month. You'll find these updates located on our members webpage for reference later this week as well: [WADDC | Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council](https://www.ddc.wa.org).

1. The Council's **Legislative Priorities** that were voted on in Walla Walla have been posted here: [Advocacy & Public Policy | WADDC](#). Please help us by sharing them with your networks!
2. You may remember mention of a presentation that Sydney Krebsbach has been working to set up with her colleague out of Alaska, **Heidi Lieb-Williams**. Please join us on Tuesday, November 12th from 1:00 to 2:00 to hear from Heidi. The Zoom invitation is below

Here is more about that presentation:

Join Heidi Lieb-Williams as she shares her story and journey about autism, being a national speaker and serving on the Alaska Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education. Heidi will share her perspectives on advocacy, including how to be an effective advocate for your state and nationally, how to achieve your goals and dreams, help others and change the world. Never give up.

- Topic: Alaska Advocacy Presentation Heidi Lieb-Williams
- Time: Nov 12, 2024 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
- Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6589530558?omn=88210571642>
- Meeting ID: 658 953 0558

3. One of our main projects with the **Arc of Washington is the Legislative Notebook Meeting**. This is a chance for our community to see data about services across our state, hear ideas from each other about potential bills and budget ideas, and watch elected officials set the tone for the session. Please join us if you're available!

Date: December 2, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Location: Zoom- registration link is here: [RSVP for 2025 Notebook Meeting](#)

4. January Council Meeting: We are working on the locations and agendas now and have a few changes to our typical agenda for January. Please pay special attention to these plans:
 - Join us for an in-person **Advocacy Day** Wednesday before our Quarterly Council Meeting, 1/15/25 at the United Churches of Olympia from 10:00 to noon. Council staff will also help anyone who is interested in meeting with their elected officials to schedule appointments that afternoon. More to come on this.

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- Our **Quarterly Council Meeting** will only be one day long in January in Olympia: Thursday, 1/16/25 from 9:00 to 4:00.
- We are setting up a **tour of Rainier School** in Buckley on Friday, 1/17/25. The time is not yet confirmed, but that tour will happen in the morning to allow time for everyone to travel home in the afternoon. More to come on this as well.

Please reach out with any questions and take good care of yourselves. Thank you for all of your contributions to our community.

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