

DDC January 2025 Monthly Update

January 23, 2025

Hello DDC members, thanks for a great three days last week in Olympia and online! I'm sorry about the last minute Rainier School tour cancelation, however I was surprised at how well the Capital Campus tour went for those who joined. I am sending the folks running that tour office a thank you message on our behalf as well! Alright, I am sending you all a handful of items and information in follow up to our time together. Please reach out if any of this information needs more explanation or if I am missing anything. Thank you so much for your contributions to our Council and I'll be in touch again soon!

- Our Five Year State Plan Survey is open! You'll see on the webpage we have posted the survey link and a flyer for sharing. We will also post later today on our Facebook and LinkedIn sites. Please help us get the word out and share the survey with your networks! [DDC 5 Year State Plan Survey | WADDC](#)
- The Five Year State Plan presentation and timeline that Brian and Kevin shared with you all during the meeting on Thursday is also posted alongside the other council meeting materials here under the Meeting Materials section: [WADDC | Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council](#)
- The Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Health paper that the National Leadership Consortium wrote for us is located on the website here for reference: Thanks to Cassie for helping us realize we hadn't put it on the website yet! [Intersection of Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Health Research Final Report | WADDC](#)
- The Informing Families Coordinator position for the Northeastern part of our State is posted here and we'd love your help sharing that opportunity with your networks as well: [IF NE Corner Coordinator Position | Informing Families](#)
- Attached is a letter from outgoing Governor Inslee to all board, council and commission members (you all)!
- I am also attaching an email about the work the California DD Council is doing for folks with IDD who have been impacted by the fires in their state. I am sharing this as information as an FYI only and do not mean to pressure any of you into contributing. I think this is such an amazing way for a council to support their community and wanted you to see it.
- Finally, we called a few different places including the Transportation Service Authority (TSA) about the Real ID requirements we discussed on Thursday. We confirmed that everyone boarding an airplane WILL need a Real ID or other forms of identification starting May 7th, 2025. Here is more information about that change in requirements. Please be sure you have the correct identification if you will be flying for council meetings or business:

Beginning May 7, 2025, every passenger must present a REAL ID-compliant ID, or another acceptable form of ID, to fly within the United States. REAL ID-compliant licenses are generally marked by a star on the top of the card. Enhanced driver's licenses and IDs from Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Vermont, and Washington are acceptable and are marked with a flag.

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If you are not sure if your ID is compliant or you have questions about required documentation to get a REAL ID, please check with your State driver's license agency. REAL and Enhanced IDs are issued by your state's driver's license agency. To learn more, please visit <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>.

For more information and a list of frequently asked questions on REAL ID, please visit www.tsa.gov/real-id.

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