

Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council 2026 Legislative Priorities

The topic areas that the Council has chosen to focus on this Session are:

The DDC will continue to take on a leadership role in our efforts to provide education and information about Medicaid. The Medicaid Matters campaign provides an ongoing opportunity for the disability community to tell their stories about how Medicaid impacts their personal lives or the lives of family members. The Medicaid program is essential to the daily lives of individuals and families. Since Medicaid is a partnership between the Washington State government and the Federal Government it is critical to monitor what is happening in both arenas to make sure that people have the information needed to advocate to preserve their critical services and supports.

The DDC opposes cuts that limit access to disability supports and services. These services are already under funded and are critical for individuals to remain in their own home or with their families. People with disabilities want to be accepted, respected and experience belonging within their local communities with their friends and family.

The DDC supports efforts to mitigate the Caregiver Provider Shortage. This includes training that directly reflects the diversity of need in the disability community. A strong caregiver workforce is essential for people to be able to live in their own communities as independently as possible. People with complex supports must have the opportunity to live where they want to in the community.

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