

# DDC December 2025 Monthly Updates

December 4, 2025

Hello! It's already December and we are looking forward to all kinds of important and impactful things to come later this month and into 2026. Please see below for a few updates.

You may have seen a “soft launch” of our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign, called our DDC History and Visioning: 50 Years of Advocacy project** last week on our social media channels. Here is the webpage in case you haven't seen it: [DDC History and Visioning](#). We are collecting interviews and posting content to help the community understand our history and create the vision for our future. Thanks to those of you who have helped us share that content so far. You'll see more about it in our December newsletter coming out in a few days. Please sign up for our newsletter if you haven't already: [WADDC Newsletter](#) and help us spread the word! I'll share more about this project in January.

## January Council Meeting Prep:

We want our first completely online Council meeting to be a good experience for everyone. With this in mind, we will be holding “office hours” for anyone who wants to come practice using the Zoom platform in preparation for our January meeting. This is an informal space where members can check audio or camera settings and ask any questions about the virtual meeting format. Whether you're new to virtual meetings or just want a quick refresher, we encourage you to stop by—our goal is to ensure every member feels supported and ready to fully participate. We are offering two **open virtual office hour options** prior to the January meeting. If you want to schedule a virtual 1:1 meeting at a different time, contact Christie at [christie.chiles@ddc.wa.gov](mailto:christie.chiles@ddc.wa.gov) or 360-586-3540. Options are:

Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm: [Join meeting](#)

Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 11:30 am: [Join meeting](#)

We also compiled some **short Zoom how-to videos** to help folks prepare to use Zoom:

- Joining a Zoom meeting: [https://youtu.be/pAMDxH\\_H\\_Cs?si=eRezddROTq-k3gNa](https://youtu.be/pAMDxH_H_Cs?si=eRezddROTq-k3gNa)
- Basic In-Meeting navigation: <https://youtu.be/Dcd6nNmtGo0?si=XdBwoDVpw3zusJNp>
- Audio and Video Basics: <https://youtu.be/ugda61PyFlo?si=cVpXGwCSYfhvBhOd>
- Meeting Chat and Reactions: <https://youtu.be/0ZxPLJC4NMc?si=jWDMJbNzp4TxynU>
- Sharing your screen: <https://youtu.be/C4sptqFb0Bk?si=PDBbm2bcEPZ-EZAz>

Please let us know how we can support you to have a good experience.

**October Council Meeting Minutes** have been posted on that meeting website: [WADDC | Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council](#). Also, please look for the **January Council Meeting Packet** to be released right before the Christmas holiday.

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You will be receiving an invite for the **Bridge Forward Follow Up Session** from Kevin soon. We are offering two different meeting sessions for folks to come together and see what we developed as a result of that project. We plan to show people how to find information they want to use, as well as talk about how it could be used going forward. You may remember we discussed doing this from different angles during the October meeting. For example, we compiled information and ideas about how kids with dd and behavioral health disabilities could be better supported in Washington. There's no pressure to join one of those meetings, however you are all invited and your perspectives would be appreciated.

Finally, congrats to our council member, **Sydney Krebsbach on her recent Human Rights Champion Award in Spokane!** You can watch an interview with Sydney about her work and award here: [Frame.io](https://www.frame.io).

Alright, if I don't get the chance to tell you individually, I hope you all know how grateful and appreciative I am of your contributions to our Council this past year. 2025 has been a serious ride for several of us and for our Council. I am thankful to do this work with all of you. Cheers to a really successful year! Please rest up; we will need your energy and ideas in 2026 🟡 . . . 😊

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