

DDC February 2026 Monthly Updates

February 9, 2026

Hello everyone, I hope February is starting off as well as possible for you all. Here are a few updates for the month:

- Big thanks go to everyone who is helping us get set up for our **April Council Meeting!** We have a pretty awesome plan in store for you all! You will be hearing from our team next week to help determine your specific plans so here is a general outline to get you thinking:
 - Wednesday, April 15th in Lacey at the South Puget Sound Community College Lacey Campus:
 - 10:00 – 2:00: History and Visioning Event for current and previous council members and collaborators
 - 3:30 – 5:30: DDC Community Event
 - Thursday, April 16th in Lacey and online:
 - 9:00 – 4:00: Quarterly Council Meeting Day 1
 - Friday, April 17th in Lacey and online:
 - 9:00 – 12:00: Quarterly Council Meeting Day 2
- **Washington State Legislative Highlights:** We hope you have seen information in mainstream media and/or on our social media about our community's concerns regarding cuts to our programs. The Community Advocacy Coalition recently sent a letter to the legislature that you can view [here](#). Specifically, eligibility for DD services AND the Dan Thompson account are both areas of concern like we discussed in January. Check out [Emily's legislative updates](#) if you need more information.
- **Federal updates:** You may have seen earlier this week that our Federal Government passed a budget and ended the partial shut down. This means we have confirmed grant funding for the current federal fiscal year (Federal Fiscal year is October 2025 through September 2026). This is great news and means that the DDC can continue to run our programs as the law directs.

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- Finally, we are in the final stages of **moving out of our Martin Way Office**. The DDC has been in that office for a few decades so I want to throw huge kudos to the team for working through a thick layer of dust and an extraordinary amount of paper! It has been super cool timing too, since we were able to utilize so much of the history in that office in our [History and Visioning](#) project. With this in mind, please stop using our Martin Way address. You can find our mailing address in our signatures. We are still set up in the Commerce Building off Plum Street in Olympia and will be moving to a new building on Jefferson Street with the rest of the Commerce team in April.

Alright, take good care out there and please reach out if you need support or have questions. Thanks to each of you for all your contributions to our community!

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