

DDC March 4, 2026 Monthly Updates

Hello DDC Membership, we hope the information in this March update helps you to feel hopeful and proud of your contributions to the DD community. We have several updates and pieces of information to share with you this month:

- Our **History and Visioning Project** is gaining lots of energy! The invitations for both the morning and afternoon events on 4/15 are open. Please help us spread the word and increase registration! Here are a few details:
 - 10:00-2:00: **Council Members & Collaborators Event:** *Invite only* focused on current and past council members and collaborators. Please let us know if you want to invite someone to this event, as space is limited to 100 people, so registration is not available on our website.
 - 3:30-5:30: **Community Event:** A large gathering to help community members understand the DD history in Washington and help create the vision for our future. Please share the flier on our website and help us pack the room that day! [DDC History and Visioning](#)
 - Thanks to everyone who has helped us with this project so far. We will be sending out another email soon to ask for help **facilitating conversations and sharing your perspectives** at these events. Save the date if you are interested in helping! We will be holding planning sessions on *3/24 @ 5:30 and 3/26 @ noon*. More to come on that soon.
- The **Transition Collaboration** is a project the DDC has been involved in since 2018. The legislature has asked the Transition Collaboration to get feedback from the community, educators, counties and employment providers about how to improve services that help people with disabilities transition from school to adult life. Please help us share the fliers located in the Events section of this webpage with your networks so that we can gather strong recommendations to give the legislature: [Transition Collaborative Project](#)
- Our **Annual Impact** graphic is not posted! This document helps showcase how the DDC's work impacted the community in 2025. Please check it out and share it with your networks. We will talk more about it in April too. [DDC 2025 Impact](#)
- Finally, we have posted the new **State Plan** summary to help you prepare for our April Council Meeting. You'll see there are two documents:
 - With Outcomes and Outputs (long version):
[69a8b06f3156d1a8e55b5959 State Plan Plain Language REVISED April 4 with outcomes and outputs.pdf](#) and
 - Without Outcomes and Outputs (short version):
[69a8afaaaad95a2515128849 State Plan Plain Language REVISED April 4 without outcomes and outputs.pdf](#)

You'll see that this document includes the feedback from our January Council Meeting. We are sharing this well in advance so that there is time to talk through concerns and questions, as we plan to vote at our April Council Meeting to send the DRAFT out for public comment.

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Please review one or both versions and reach out to Brian if you want to talk through any of that information: brian.dahl@ddc.wa.gov.

Alright, we are here if you have questions or need support with any of this information. We are grateful for your contributions to our community and are looking forward to much more coming this spring.

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