

Information from Our Partners

Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) 5-Year State Plan Survey

The Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) is gathering feedback to better understand the challenges faced by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), their families, and other stakeholders across Washington state.

This input will help shape the DDC's [5-Year State Plan](#), which guides our work to address barriers and improve services statewide.

We need your help to ensure voices from all communities are heard, especially those in underserved or underrepresented areas. Here's how you can support this effort:

- **Take the survey** – Share your own insights and experiences by completing the survey here: bit.ly/WADDCSurvey
- **Share the survey** – Help spread the word by sharing our posts on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) with your networks.
- **Distribute the flyer** – Share the PDF flyer in your newsletters, social media pages, or community meetings, available here: [5 Year State Plan Survey \(Flyer\)](#).
- **Direct people to our website** – More information is available at [DDC 5 Year State Plan Survey | WADDC](#).

The survey closes on July 21, 2025, and is available in multiple languages to ensure accessibility for diverse communities. We encourage you to share it widely, so all voices can contribute to shaping the future of IDD services and advocacy in Washington state.

Your outreach is vital in reaching individuals who may not otherwise have access to this survey. Together, we can ensure that all voices are heard and represented in our work to build a more inclusive and supportive Washington.

If you have questions or need assistance completing the survey, please reach out to Brian Dahl at brian.dahl@ddc.wa.gov or Kevin Vargas at kevin.vargas@ddc.wa.gov. You can also call the Council at (800) 634-4473.

Save the Date! OSEP'S 2025 Conference

The 2025 OSEP Conference will be held August 5–7 at the Crystal City Gateway Marriott, an ADA certified hotel in Arlington, Virginia. The theme for the conference is IDEA: 50 Years of Progress, Potential, and Possibilities. More information coming soon.



Universal Design for Learning: Designing Learning Experiences That Engage and Challenge All Students

The Designing Learning Experiences That Engage and Challenge All Students module examines the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework and discusses how educators can apply UDL to proactively design learning experiences that are flexible enough to challenge and engage all students and that promote learner agency (est. completion time: 2.5 hours).

This module was developed in collaboration with [CAST](#). For more information, visit the IRIS Center [website](#).