**Survey of Priorities for the Intellectual and Developmental Disability Community**

The NC Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) wants to hear from you. Your ideas will make a difference as NCCDD plans for its 2027-2031 Five-Year State Plan. Thank you for filling out this survey.

If you would like to request a different survey format or if you have questions about the Five-Year State Plan development process, please contact NCCDD at 984-920-8209 (Office/TTY) or Toll Free at 800-357-6916. You can also email us at [*NCFYP@nccdd.org*](mailto:NCFYP@nccdd.org)

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**Please tell us who you are.**

* I am an individual with a disability
* I am a family member of a person with a disability
* I am an advocate or professional in partnership with the intellectual and other developmental disability (I/DD) community
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please tell us your age.**

* Age 0-14
* Age 15-21
* Age 22-29
* Age 30-50
* Age 51-64
* Age 65-79
* Age 80-89
* Age 90 or older
* Prefer not to answer

**What is your gender? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Where do you live in North Carolina?**

* Eastern North Carolina
* Central North Carolina
* Western North Carolina

**What county do you live in? ­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**What is your race or ethnic background?** Check all that apply.

* American Indian or Alaska Native
* Asian
* Black or African American
* Hispanic/Latino
* Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
* White/Caucasian
* Prefer not to answer
* I don’t know
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**How would you describe your community?**

* Urban (medium or large city)
* Suburban (outside of a city)
* Rural (small town or not near a big city)
* Don’t know
* Prefer not to answer
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**What is the most important issue to you right now?**

* Getting supports in school
* Getting a job/Keeping a job
* Housing
* Having good transportation to get places
* Having enough money
* Advocating for disability rights and what people need
* The waiting list for disability services
* The workforce shortage for people who support people with disabilities
* Technology that can help people with disabilities
* Getting people with disabilities out of institutions and nursing homes
* Having activities people with disabilities like to do
* Having friends and relationships
* Being more a part of a community
* More opportunities in colleges and community colleges for people with disabilities
* Ending subminimum wage and 14c
* More information about what services exist

**Advocacy**

What are the three (3) most important advocacy issues or opportunities to you? (Advocacy means speaking up for or supporting a cause, idea, or person, and working to make positive change.) **Please check only three (3) boxes.**

* Having a strong network of people with disabilities (self-advocacy network)
* Having a strong network of family members of people with disabilities
* Having opportunities to discuss issues with other people with disabilities
* Learning how to tell my story and having opportunities to share my story
* Learning leadership skills
* Having an alumni network of people who have done leadership training or been part of the DD Council
* Learning how to talk to leaders
* Having more opportunities to advocate
* Having in-person gatherings with other advocates
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Community Life**

What are the three (3) most important community life issues to YOU right now? **Please check only three (3) boxes.**

* Better experiences in schools
* More housing for people with disabilities
* Better transportation to get places and to get back home
* Technology that can assist people with disabilities
* Safety and more training for police on working with people with disabilities
* Having more activities and fun things to do with others
* Having friends and relationships
* Being more a part of my community
* Preparation for and recovery from natural disaster emergencies
* Improved services/sufficient services/supports for people with disabilities
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Money and Finances**

What are the three (3) most important money and finances issues to you? **Please check only three (3) boxes.**

* Getting a job/keeping job
* Understanding how to keep health benefits like Medicaid and disability benefits like SSI if I have a job
* Having a small business or being an entrepreneur
* Transition from high school into a job
* Accessing and improving employment supports
* College and community college opportunities for people with disabilities
* Technology that can help
* Increasing employment opportunities
* Fair wages for people with disabilities and ending 14c subminimum wages
* Saving money and having assets
* Working with EIPD (previously known as vocational rehabilitation)
* Self-employment opportunities
* Apprenticeships
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Policy Education Goals/Opportunities**

What are the three (3) most important **policy** issues or opportunities to you? Please check only three (3) boxes.

* More opportunities to meet with leaders and legislators
* Learning more about important disability issues
* Getting people with disabilities out of institutions and nursing homes
* The Americans with Disabilities Act
* Saving Medicaid and other services for people with disabilities
* The waiting list for disability services
* The workforce shortage for Direct Support Professionals (paid caregivers/supports)
* Family and non-paid caregiver supports
* Underpaying people with disabilities (14c and subminimum wage)
* Jobs and employment for people with disabilities
* Making new services such as care management, tailored plans, 1915i Medicaid work better
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Education**

**Did/does your school do a good job of preparing students with disabilities for adulthood?**

* No, a big change is needed
* Some change is needed
* Yes, it's about right, no change is needed
* Don't know/doesn't apply

**(cont.)**

**How can schools better prepare students with disabilities for adulthood?**

(Provide answer in blank space below)

**What are the two (2) most important issues for education?**

* Keeping children with disabilities in school
* Exceptional education
* Preparing for adulthood/transition services
* School discipline including suspensions and detention
* Community colleges and colleges for students with disabilities
* Employment training
* Apprenticeships and jobs
* Restraints and seclusion
* Having children with disabilities included with other children at school
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Tell us how important it is to you for what NCCDD should focus on for each of the following.**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Most Important** | **Somewhat Important** | **Not Important** | **Least Important** |
| Early Childhood |  |  |  |  |
| Schools/education |  |  |  |  |
| Childcare |  |  |  |  |
| Health and wellness |  |  |  |  |
| Jobs/employment |  |  |  |  |
| Housing |  |  |  |  |
| Supports and services for people with disabilities |  |  |  |  |
| Transportation |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation/social activities |  |  |  |  |
| Policy Education |  |  |  |  |
| Self-Advocacy/Advocacy |  |  |  |  |
| Disability Rights |  |  |  |  |
| Safety |  |  |  |  |
| Knowledge and information about services |  |  |  |  |

**When NCCDD provides grants to the community for intellectual and developmental disability initiatives, do you prefer long-term higher dollar grants on a specific issue or mini-grants for a shorter length of time?**

* Long-term big grants
* Short-term mini grants
* I don’t have a preference
* I don’t know
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**In ten words or less, tell us what you most want for the disability community.**

(Provide answer in blank space below)

**How do you get information best?**

* Email
* Website
* Facebook
* Instagram
* LinkedIn
* TikTok
* Other social media like X (formerly known as Twitter), Threads, etc.
* Newsletter
* Webinars/meetings
* Telephone/text
* Face to face
* In person meetings
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**In your experience, what does the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities do well?**

(Provide answer in blank space below)

**What could the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities do better?**

(Provide answer in blank space below)

**What do you want the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities to be doing in the next five years?**

(Provide answer in blank space below)

**Do you have any additional comments for NCCDD?**

(Provide answer in blank space below)

Please email the completed form to: *NCFYP@nccdd.org*

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