

# Survey of Priorities for the Intellectual and Developmental Disability Community



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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.**

	<b>Most Important</b>	<b>Somewhat Important</b>	<b>Not Important</b>	<b>Least Important</b>
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](mailto:NCFYP@nccdd.org)

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