

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE ANNUAL SURVEY

### 27. How can we help you become a better and more effective advocate for change?

Unite

More in person training

By doing all you're doing (?)

Just keep paper coming

Housing

Let more people know and participate

No, it's perfect.

Continue your work!

More opportunities for disabled to work -- only gets 1.5 hrs/wk

Help me understand and get resources

You have trained me well!

Let me know who to write to.

Knowledge

Medicaid Managed Care

More organized events at Capitol or regionally and hosted with other organizations, groups or partners - better together!

We don't like change for change's sake. Educate public about acceptance of mental disabilities. Need healthier atmosphere in group homes: better staff, activities, do not let them have filthy smut on their TVs--promotes bullying and rape.

You do a great job. I just need to apply info to become a better and more effective advocate for change.

Help me study more

Get out in the community more

I just want newsletters from you guys :)

Keep us posted as to changes in mental health and housing

Maybe more assistance in info about transformation and transport of handicapped

Have no idea?

You do a great job

Better understand people's needs

Brave, I think I'm not enough

Continue with excellent and timely communications

Not sure

I don't know

Be good and be prepared for 2023.

Keep sending information

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no

I enjoy hearing from you. It keeps me up on things I won't hear about or see. Please keep up the good work. The only way I can keep up on things is the mail.

target setting

All useful

How do you reach out to voters, how do you persuade Bill to get involved, how do you encourage others to get involved

I have no idea now

You are doing a great job

You do a fine job. Please watch DHS and the welfare of the residents in our Hospital schools.

Give us more effective support

"To see the unseen" and "to do the impossible". Others can do things you want to do normally, such as quality, service, these things we can do please continue to do.

Set up a public service telephone.

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Give me a chance and listen to me

I would like to see a Break- out session / info. about the IABLE program, Possibly @ Make Your Mark 2023 / 2024 ?

N/A. NAMI is help me the most.

I will be able to retire 1 1/2 years so I may participate a lot more then.

Continue to provide accurate information to use during advocacy

Stop legislators from taking advantage of those who need help

No comment here.

All useful

Stimulate them through higher ideals and organizational values.

Continue!!

All useful

Going to a christian college in 2023 to improve spiritually so that I am confidant in being social to new people and to be a leader while advocating for my self and in my community.

Continue to offer the quality resources you have available.

not sure

Send more timely info on the bills. Maybe I need to sign up again for emails.

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What you are currently doing works for me. In our Community Health Coalition, we have a Nurse from Child Health Specialties Clinics who cares for kids with special needs, who is very involved with bringing legislative issues to our group, and she is who recommended that we get involved with Iowa DD Council to receive this information. She also is part of the Medicaid Matters Group, and the Children's Behavioral Health Coalition.

The information you provide is most helpful  
maybe give more information (?)

To hear what people have to say and to help any ideas they may have

Nothing at the moment thank you

All useful

Improve the quality of education and teaching, increase the publicity of medical assistance policies, and increase the transparency of medical assistance management

Not sure as I have been working with you for over 40 years

I'm good. See #6

Materials in audio formats

Help with resources

1. Clear and simple message 2. Enthusiasm and credibility 3. A pitch that focuses on the desired outcome is more likely to be persuasive if it is not coupled with an effort to build an organization's brand. 4. Working with other organizations will make the message more powerful.

All useful

Being there to support me and to provide me the resources to take to my local community to advocate and make change

How do you reach out to voters, how do you persuade Bill to get involved, how do you encourage others to get involved

Public Transportation

Help in every way

Send me letters

Know more about who is in my area and who can help people

Make it possible for oldies to join -- transportation

The surplus community residents exchange, To enhance our understanding of social and livelihood issues

Give me greater support

I'm doing all I can

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I have a 40 year old son with CP. He is confined to a wheelchair and we can't find a place that will properly fit him so he's not falling out of his chair. National seating and mobility takes several months to do anything and then they give us the wrong thing. Help please.

We need more help in rural areas

I think I am effective advocate person with my disabilities with myself. I know sometimes very hard for me. I am trying very best.

environmental protection

Let us learn more and more valuable things, to improve themselves

You have.

call

What is going on to increase group home availability?

Nothing I just have to be more motivated

Assist in ralleys - transportation

I am very limited now!

I don't know.

You can tell me what I have done is not good enough, not careful enough, so that I can better correct

The two sides hold regular dialogue to resolve problems

Be a good mip and help more people in need

Put me through law school so that I can help work on the class action suit against the MCO's for denying care

Continue to do what you are doing. Keeps me current on relevant issues.

Evaluate the serviceOrganize regular questionnaires to find out what improvements are needed

How do you reach out to voters, how do you persuade Bill to get involved, how do you encourage others to get involved

More videos of training materials

I am transitioning into other areas of life that require me to re-focus my energy and passion. I will always advocate when possible but my focus is changing to study sustainable agriculture and wheat crops, along with advocating for immigration reform and needs within my own community.

Let me know if you have "sharshop" style trainings

Become involved in supporting legislation promoting save harbor and convince legislators to support it

Direct Care Workforce

Encourage the governor and legislators to read the annual report they get from the Iowa Autism Council!

More localized activities (I myself is in Black Hawk) (?)

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I am 88 years old now. I've done my share of volunteer work. I have my own son to continue with.

By being the ears to listen and be a voice for people with a disability

### **28. How can we change or improve the Iowa DD Council resources?**

Unite

Housing

oh,I think it's ...I have no problem with that.

Not sure

I honestly have not done anything in Iowa advocacy since 2012. I advocate everywhere I go though :)

You do an excellent job. I just haven't accessed your resources.

More details

Medicaid Managed Care

You're doing a lot to humanize it and put a face on the issues--that helps make it more personal and less like an organizational effort, especially by the State.

Campaign against selective abortion for disabilities

Make letters in large print or digitally

Don't need to improve

None

Our building has a human resources person, they should receive your letters (?)

Continue public communication

Have no idea?

Help with resources

No change necessary

I didn't understand the question

Unknown

not sure

no

Mobilize the people around you

All useful

How do you connect with voters, how do you persuade Bill to participate, how do you encourage others to participate in local development, how do you put all these resources together into a resource pool

I have no idea now

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Keep printing some resources--to share with others

Resource rationalization, detailed plan, carry out diverse resources to join

Universal election system

No. That's pretty good

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When you made the new website the 70+page publication about guardianship and conservatorship disappeared and no one can tell me where it is. I gave it out to many families and studied it for my own child. Please put it back on your website.

Enlarge the propaganda

Nothing at this time.

Force legislators to consider actual needs of special needs population

No comment here.

All useful

By keeping and keeping promises, these leaders show that they are honest, ethical and trustworthy.

not sure

All useful

Having more zoom meetings/webinars, advocating in the community by being involved with movie theaters, libraries, going to school events and involving mental health and to improve it in your county. being a leader while standing up for why being special is important rather than being negative about any disability you might have.

not sure

No changes needed

It help you find thing you need

Not sure

All useful

In the process of using myself, I haven't found anything that needs to be changed

Not sure since I only use infoNET

Audio formats

Better understand people's needs

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE ANNUAL SURVEY

Influence changes to laws, policies, and attitudes that affect supports and services used by Iowans with developmental disabilities.

Build the ability of Iowans with disabilities to make choices and have control over their lives.

Increase the capacity of communities to create welcoming accommodations for people with developmental disabilities.

Assist Iowans with developmental disabilities to be advocates and leaders involved in the decision-making processes that affect them.

All useful

Like I said just being a support to people like me who go out into there communities and advocate for people with disabilities

How do you connect with voters, how do you persuade Bill to participate, how do you encourage others to participate in local development, how do you put all these resources together into a resource pool

Public Transportation

I'm not sure

Post it

Give more info to help people who need help in getting they need help getting

Improving strategies and practices that have a positive impact on people

Increase local per capita income and address poverty

I have no social media, cell phone, computer, texting. Communication needs to be through mail.

Who can I call for legal advocacy so I can actually get Jesse a wheelchair that works for him? Maybe you have it listed, but I don't know where it is.

Better help in rural areas

Mental health

I don't improve with DD Council infoNET information

We live a long way from Des Moines, this can seem like it is too far away to make a difference. Many feel complacent and that their votes don't count. I try to encourage participation, many still feel like legislators forget who they represent.

Not sure I have an answer for that, the DD Council has provided local discussions before, maybe we need to get back to that?

environmental protection

No, it's already excellent

Don't change it.

I think it is great as it is currently

By doing more print and less digital.

Eliminate the bad ideas and learn more about the good ideas

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Develop strong advocates and leaders for change

Influence laws, policies and attitudes

I wonder if there is any way to reduce the number of email messages.

More available resources should be integrated to create a better environment.

Develop strong advocates and leaders for change

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It doesn't have to change. It's good

I don't have a copy with me but I recall there being something awkward about opening the infoNET newsletter

Don't know

Direct Care Workforce

infoNET more of ???

I do internet but not at this time

By taking the issues and concerns seriously and make change in Iowa to serve people with disabilities.