

Community Roundtable Sessions



Advocacy close to home.

Are you interested in telling your story and sharing ideas with your lawmakers?

The **Iowa DD Council** can help you organize a community roundtable event to encourage people with disabilities in your community and local lawmakers to talk about the issues that matter to them.

What is a Community Roundtable?

A community roundtable might also be called a listening session. It is a guided conversation where people share their thoughts, ideas, and experiences. It's discussion where everyone's voice is important and helps us better understand the issues.

It's not just about talking—it's also about truly hearing what others have to say. Listening sessions help policymakers better understand what their community needs, what challenges they face, and what they hope for in the future.

Who should host a Community Roundtable?

A local group of people with disabilities, family members and advocates who want to:

- share their experiences
- educate lawmakers about the issues facing people with disabilities in your community
- get involved in making change
- be heard by your community and lawmakers
- listen as much as speak!

Why should we host a Community Roundtable?

Organizing a community roundtable for your community and lawmakers can encourage more people to engage and connect.

It can bring out ideas and opinions that might get missed. The goal is to help the community start working together to find answers

How can the Iowa DD Council help?

The Iowa DD Council can provide:

- Grants of up to \$500 to reimburse costs such as printing, food, room rental
- Tool kit and technical assistance on how to organize and who to invite
- Marketing support – help with advertising materials
- Advertising of the event through our network

Where do I sign up and what do I need to do?

1. Fill out the application at www.iowaddcouncil.org/grant-applications.
2. Describe your goals, who will be involved.
3. Your event needs to be planned alongside people with disabilities and must be non-partisan.
4. Fill out a report after the listening session on your successful event!
5. Contact us for help at 800-452-1936 or contactus@iowaddcouncil.org.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Group or Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Alternate Email: _____

GRANT INFORMATION

Grant funds requested can be up to \$500. Funds can be used for room rental, materials, food, and advertising. Funds will be reimbursed after the event.

What is your grant request? \$ _____

How will the grant funds be used?

APPLICATION INFORMATION (page 1 of 2)

Answer the following questions and submit them to the Iowa DD Council team for review. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all funds have been used.

1. Please briefly describe your event.

2. Who is planning and organizing this event?

- Include how many organizers are people with disabilities/self-advocates
- Include how many organizers are family members

3. What is the goal of your event?

Thank you for your interest in organizing a Community Roundtable Session!
We will reply within a week.

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APPLY TODAY!

To apply for a Community Roundtable Session grant, complete and submit the grant application.

EMAIL TO:

contactus@iowaddcouncil.org

MAIL TO:

Iowa DD Council
700 2nd Ave Suite 101
Des Moines, IA 50309

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