

Introducing the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE) Youth Advisory Council!



The GCDE Youth Advisory Council leads, learns, and creates change for youth with disabilities. Your voice matters!

The Governor's Committee on Disability Issues & Employment (GCDE) is hosting a **Youth Advisory Council**. Members aged 18-24 will share their lived experience to advise GCDE on how to make Washington more inclusive for youth with disabilities.

Who Can Apply

Applicants must:

- Be **18–24 years old with a disability and live in Washington**
- Care about inclusion, fairness, and community impact
- Be willing to share unique backgrounds and experiences

What Members Do

- Attend **quarterly meetings**
- Discuss issues important to youth
- Share ideas with GCDE leadership
- Help plan events and projects
- Participate in leadership

Where Do We Meet?

- All meetings will be online via Zoom

Why Join?

- Make your voice heard
- Shape real change in Washington
- Build leadership and advocacy skills
- Be part of meaningful community work

Focus Areas:

- Disability justice
- Legislative advocacy
- Mental health and wellness
- Equity and inclusion

Support & Mentorship

- Youth lead the work
- Members receive mentorship and guidance from GCDE leaders

Activities

- Develop policy ideas
- Plan awareness campaigns
- Participate in advocacy days
- Build skills in self-advocacy, and disability identity/disability justice

GCDE's Mission

The Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment provides advocacy leadership with the disability community to advance equity and prosperity in employment, community life and disability access.

GCDE's Vision:

An equitable Washington where people with disabilities have full inclusion, full participation and economic vibrance.

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