

**Clark County  
Developmental Disability Advisory Board  
Legislative Agenda  
2022**

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**EMPLOYMENT:**

*People with disabilities who work:*

- *Contribute to the tax base*
  - *Depend less on other public funds and use fewer support services*
  - *Enjoy greater physical and mental health*
  - *Can better afford rent and living costs*
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- Maintain employment funding & Employment First focus for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Inclusive employment for all individuals of working age to earn a living wage.
  
  - Maintain funding for competitive integrated employment for all young adults with intellectual and or developmental disabilities transitioning from public education. Maintain opportunities and supports to access higher education for students as appropriate. Create and maintain supports for accessing higher education among interested students as needed.

**HOUSING/ Residential Supports:**

Increase access to affordable housing for all people, including those with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Promote creative housing options and residential supports for people with developmental disabilities such as shared living, accessory dwelling units, studio units with shared community space.

**AGING**

Given the demographic imperatives of the longer life expectancy of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and the aging of the baby boomers, a growing challenge exists to address this population's later life needs. People with IDD are aging at unprecedented rates and have unique health and service and support needs. Research has also noted needs associated with aging caregivers and poorer health in caregivers who were people of color.