

**Clark County
Developmental Disability Advisory Board
Legislative Agenda
2023**

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*

o Maintain employment funding & Employment First focus for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Inclusive employment opportunities for all individuals of working age to earn a living wage.

o Maintain funding for competitive integrated employment for all young adults with intellectual and or developmental disabilities transitioning from public education.

o Maintain and expand opportunities and supports to access higher education for students as appropriate.

o Support recommendations from the Employment and Day Program rate study dated Oct. 1, 2022.

HOUSING/ Residential Supports:

Increase availability and 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 based on a spectrum of needs and financial resources.

AGING

The longer life expectancy of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and the aging of their baby boomer parents poses a challenge to meeting the later life needs of this unique group. Adults with IDD have distinct health, service and support needs that are compounded with needs of advancing age. To better serve adults with IDD, robust support for all caregivers by ensuring a multitude of community resources must be increased.