

2022 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire



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Your Responses via YouTube Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnNOUgesU1Y>

1. Do you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has a intellectual/developmental disability (IDD), and if so, would you describe its impact on you? If not, what impact do you want to have for people with IDD and their families?

My older brother has a slight cognitive disability. He is functionally illiterate so I help him extensively with accessing government programs, technical issues, anything that requires on line access, and access to healthcare. Knowing him makes me more aware of the fact that we are all unique, with our own gifts and challenges.

2. What are your top three priorities and how would you ensure people with developmental disabilities and their families are included in them?

To be honest I would have to learn more about what kind of barriers people with development disabilities are presently facing. One of my concerns with government is that we create many programs which become task oriented and not always based on the actual needs of individual people. I hear about this a great deal in the area of special education.

3. If cuts became necessary due to a recession or economic downturn, how would you protect services that people with IDD and their families need?

Again, I would have to know more about the existing services, which ones have the greatest benefit and are of greatest importance to the people in need.

4. Is there other information you'd like constituents with developmental disabilities and their family and friends to know?

While door belling I often talk to people who advocate for particular services, which I know are already in existence. We need to ensure that these programs are effective, accessible, and cost effective.

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<http://www.Byrnes4Balance.com>