

Optional Short Answer Questions for James D. Rodenberger

Down Syndrome Indiana would like to thank each candidate who took time to answer the following questions:

Optional: What is your position on Medicaid block grants?

"I would like to see the money sent to the federal government stay in Indiana. We lose money just in the cost of administering federal programs. I think we know how to help our citizens better than the federal government."

Optional: What is your position on LTSS for people with disabilities and are they included in your health care plan?

"I do support that, but I support it run at the state and local level."

Optional: What is your position on Direct Support Professionals (DSP) getting paid adequate wages for their work?

"I don't personally know enough about the program to have an opinion on this. I would be happy to learn more about this topic."

Optional: What is your position on paid family leave?

"Paid leave is a huge help to people with family emergencies. It essentially helps those with lower income. I think a program like unemployment insurance would be a way for businesses to provide that service to employees."

Optional: What are you doing to protect the Americans with Disabilities Act? How will you make sure people with a disability get treated fairly?

We just need to be vigilant about defending the rights of people with disabilities. Everyone should be on the same level for a fair and equal opportunity.

Optional: Will you help make sure the government pays its fair share of the cost of the Individuals' with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)?

"We need to keep more money available at the local level."