



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Disability Rights Advocacy Day 2026: Coloradans with Disabilities Advocate for Change at the Capitol

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, MST

Location: Colorado State Capitol, 200 E Colfax Ave, Denver, CO 80203

DENVER, CO — On **Thursday, February 12, 2026**, **Disability Rights Advocacy Day (D-RAD)** will bring together **people with disabilities, advocates, community leaders, and lawmakers** at the **Colorado State Capitol** for a day of empowerment, education, and advocacy. Hosted this year by the **Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council (CDDC)**, D-RAD centers the voices of disabled Coloradans and promotes direct engagement with policymakers on the issues that impact their lives.

Media Invitation

Media are invited to attend and cover D-RAD. Journalists will have opportunities to speak with:

- People with disabilities and self-advocates
- Event organizers, community partners and state policy makers
- Attendees sharing personal stories and advocacy priorities

Event Highlights

- **9:30 AM - 10:00 AM** – Check-in, welcome, and networking
- **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM** – Legislative meetings and advocacy activities
- **12:30 PM - 2:00 PM** – Speeches from Governor Jared Polis, Lieutenant Governor Diane Primavera, State Representative Chad Clifford, and other state legislators; emceed by former State Representative David Ortiz.

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Registration and Accessibility

While the deadline for lunch and pre-scheduled meetings has passed, general waitlist registration remains open. Individuals on the waitlist—or those not registered—are still welcome to attend; however, due to capacity limitations, D-RAD Support Staff will not be available to facilitate legislative meetings or activities.

Note: Journalists and media are not required to register.

For assistance with registration or to request an accommodation, contact dhoward@ccdcconline.net or call 720-689-4578. Spanish-language support is available.

Community Partners

The D-RAD sponsors and organizing partners for 2026 are: The Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition, the Arc of Colorado, Disability Law Colorado, Rocky Mountain Health Plans, Signal Behavioral Health, PASCO, the Center for People Living With Disabilities, the Association of Colorado Centers for Independent Living, the Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council, North Metro Community Services, Developmental Pathways, Advocacy Denver, Arc Thrift Stores, the Colorado Division of the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind, the DeafBlind Action Team, Atlantis Community, Ability Connection Colorado, & Connections Colorado.

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About Disability Rights Advocacy Day: Disability Rights Advocacy Day is an annual event dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities to participate in the legislative process. By facilitating direct engagement with lawmakers, D-RAD promotes policies that uphold the rights and dignity of people with disabilities.

About Disability Law Colorado: Disability Law Colorado is the state's Protection and Advocacy System, working to advance the rights of people with disabilities through legal representation, advocacy, education, and monitoring. For more information, visit www.disabilitylawco.org.