Come Join Us!

Families of individuals with autism or intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) often get many choices for services and support. This can feel confusing. It can be hard to know what is best for their family. We want to learn what individuals with autism/IDD and family members think is most important. This will help providers better support individuals with autism/I/DD and their families across the lifespan.

We invite individuals with autism/IDD and family members/caregivers to join a small group Listening Session. In these sessions, you can share your worries, needs, and hopes for the future for yourself or your family. We want to hear what kinds of services and supports matter most to you.

What is a Listening Session?
Each Listening Session is 60 to 75 minutes long and will be on Zoom. A facilitator will lead the session, and a note-taker will write down what is shared. Each person will have a turn to speak without being interrupted. This is a time to listen carefully to each person's ideas and experiences.

In at least one session, providers will listen to individuals with autism/IDD and/or family members without joining the discussion. We plan to hold at least two sessions in June. After the sessions, we will share what we learned and use it to plan next steps. Each session will have 5 to 7 speakers.

This project is a collaboration of the Developmental Disabilities Act Partners for Colorado (JFK Partners-UCEDD, Disability Law Colorado, and the Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council).

Who can join:
- Individuals with autism/IDD and family members/caregivers can join one session. Family members can speak on behalf of their loved one if they have difficulty speaking.
- Providers from any field can join one session as listeners only. (Must be available to attend preparation session and after-session in addition to the Listening Session)
- Please have only one person from each household or family join a session.
- You must live in Colorado.
- You need a phone or computer to join by Zoom or phone call.

Accommodations: (Indicate any needed Accommodations in the Registration Form)
- You can get the questions before the session.
- A one-on-one meeting is available if you ask for one.
- You can also share your answers in writing.

Session dates:

June 15, 2026 10:00-11:15 AM (MT)	Self-Advocates, Parents/Caregivers only	Register Here
June 17, 2026 1:30-2:45 PM (MT)	Self-Advocates, Parents/Caregivers	Register Here
June 17, 2026 1:00-3:15 PM (MT)	Providers (Must attend all three components below.) 1:00-1:30 - Preparation 1:30-2:45 - Listening Session 2:45-3:15 - Post Session	Register Here

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