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Hundreds Expected at Colorado Capitol for Disability Rights Advocacy Day 2026

Lt. Governor Primavera, State Representative Clifford, and Advocates to Rally for Change

DENVER, CO — On **Thursday, February 12, 2026**, people with disabilities, advocates, and policy leaders will gather at the **Colorado State Capitol for Disability Rights Advocacy Day (D-RAD 2026)** — a powerful day of civic engagement, storytelling, and calls for greater equity, access, and inclusion in Colorado law and public policy.

Hosted this year by the **Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council (CDDC)**, D-RAD is a grassroots-led advocacy event that empowers Coloradans with disabilities to share their lived experiences directly with elected officials and legislative staff.

Event Schedule:

- **9:30–10:00 AM** – Check-in, welcome, and networking
- **10:00 AM–12:00 PM** – Legislative meetings and advocacy activities
- **12:30–2:00 PM** – Rally and speeches from elected leaders

Confirmed speakers include **Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera**, **State Representative Chad Clifford**, and other Colorado legislators. The program will be **emceed by former Representative and Disability Law Colorado Board Member David Ortiz**.

D-RAD 2026 builds on last year's strong turnout and media attention, continuing its tradition as a unifying moment for the disability community and its allies.

Media are invited to attend and cover the event. There will be opportunities to speak with:

- Self-advocates and people with disabilities
- Event organizers and policy experts
- Elected officials and community partners

To coordinate interviews or media access, please contact **Felix Ortiz, Communications Manager**.

D-RAD 2026 is organized in partnership with:

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, Colorado Access, 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, and Connections Colorado.

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