

Kelly Kulzer-Reyes and Cindy Liu

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"State of the State" - Small action steps & include how to access your representatives



Kelly Kulzer-Reyes (she/her/ella) is mom to three children, one of whom has Down syndrome. Shortly after her daughter's birth, Kelly became involved in legislative advocacy surrounding issues that impact people with Down syndrome and other disabilities. Her advocacy has focused on the federal ABLE Act, CalABLE legislation, California's Self Determination Program, and the "Eliminating the Marriage Penalty in Social Security" Act (EMPSA).

Kelly co-chairs the California Down Syndrome Advocacy Coalition, a grassroots group working on state and federal legislative improvements. She is an active member of the National Down Syndrome Advocacy Coalition and serves on the NDSC Policy Advisory Council.



Cindy Liu builds businesses that employ people with disabilities and shapes the policies that affect the community. As founder of LooHoo's Enterprises and the newly launched WeBelong:Everywhere platform, she provides regular paid work for community members with disabilities. Her work earned recognition as a 2023 National Co-Operative Innovation Award Finalist. She serves as Board Member for The Arc of California (serving 4 million Californians with disabilities), State Employment Policy Advisor for the California Department of Developmental Services, and has spent 8+ years on the UCLA Tarjan Center Advisory Council—part of JFK's original 1963 disability rights initiative. Through coalition building, she championed AB447, signed by Governor Newsom, which secured \$2 million for the California Center for Inclusive College.