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Tom Armstrong to Retire, Board Seeks Replacement

In his thirteen years of service, Tom Armstrong more than doubled the number of people served by Summit DD. As we prepare for his retirement later this year, the Agency's board has begun the search for his successor.



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Dear Supporter,

Welcome to the first edition of Summit DD's new e-newsletter. This monthly newsletter replaces the *Outreach* publication you have received in the past.

The Agency's mission to enable individuals with developmental disabilities to work, live and learn as equal citizens in their communities is best demonstrated through the stories of people, programs and innovative ideas happening at Summit DD. We encourage you to share this newsletter with your friends, family and coworkers.



47% of Summit County Residents Hold this Shocking Belief

Believe it or not, 47% of Summit County residents do NOT believe that children with special needs

should be included in classrooms with their typically developing peers. Summit DD's Community Partnership for Inclusion (CPI) program is working to change this statistic.

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Community Employment: What's New, What it Means, Why It's Important

Integrated, competitive employment benefits both individuals with disabilities and those without. Employment First is a statewide initiative that is currently being implemented to give individuals every opportunity to reach their vocational goals.

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60+ Languages Strong

At Summit DD, we work to break down barriers to services and supports. Our newly launched cultural outreach program ensures that language is not one of those

barriers. We are now 60+ languages stronger in helping Summit County residents get the services they need. [Read](#)

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I Am the Summit DD

Diamon Perry says, "It's not a job, it's my pleasure."

Summit DD Service and Support Administrators (SSA's) are an integral part in helping the more than 4,000 individuals served by our organization. In this article, learn more about SSA Diamon Perry and her unwavering commitment to what she calls "her" families and their individual needs.

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