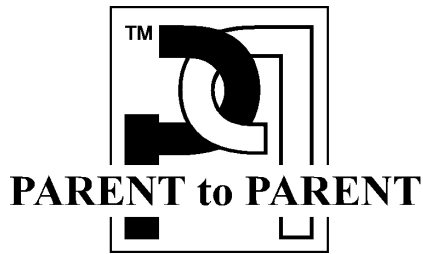


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WA State Parent to Parent (P2P) Newsletter: April 2017



WELCOME April 2017!!!

Happy Spring, everyone! Yes, the rain does bring us beautiful flowers and green trees but I am getting a little tired of it. But when the sun shines, it's just fabulous. Glad for snow though for all you skiers out there-Michelle Williams!

Want to send a shout-out to our new Coordinators, Amanda Smith in Kitsap/Jefferson; Gloria Urness in Yakima; Lynnea Rimando in Snohomish

and Marta Mejia in Whatcom County.

Welcome, all of you. And a big hug and thank you/good bye to Marilyn Cook, Teresa Nguyen and Mardiya Aga in King County.

~~Susan

P2P Coordinator Spotlight: Sound Sound Parent to Parent (Thurston/Mason Counties)!

All About Me-[Sylvia Davenport](#), Coordinator ([South Sound Parent 2 Parent Facebook](#))

Calendar of Events

2017...

4/1-4/30: Pinwheels for Prevention! The Department of Early Learning (DEL) is observing **National Child Abuse Prevention** month in **April 2017** by raising awareness in communities about child abuse and neglect prevention. Please place your order for pinwheels using the [form attached](#) and send to strengtheningfamilies@del.wa.gov. Pinwheels are available on a first come, first serve basis. Pinwheels will be available for delivery in March.

4/1: [2017 Voices of Children Contest](#) for children reared by grandparent or other relative not a parent (all entries must be submitted or postmarked by April 1st 2017). Questions call 1.877.813.2828 or email Lynn@Familyess.org

4/22: [Voices of Autism 2017 Conference](#) - In Recognition of Autism Awareness Month - Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Seattle Pacific University - Upper Gwinn Commons.

5/3 - 5/5: [Infant and Early Childhood Conference](#) - Greater Tacoma Convention Center, Tacoma, WA. [Parent scholarship applications](#) due April 1st are now available for the Infant and Early Childhood Conference.

6/13-6/15: [Wenatchee 2017 "Impact Our Futures!"](#) June 13th-15th, 2017
Location: The Wenatchee Convention Center 121 North Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee, WA 98801 1.509.662.4411 Contact: Monica McDaniel at: monica@gowise.org or 1.253.307.7475 - Registration opens in March 2017.

6/23: [The WIN Leadership Symposium](#) - one day symposium bringing together local community, business and government leaders to promote inclusion. Official public launch of the WIN Initiative : Microsoft Redmond Campus-more information to follow.

11/9: [7th Annual Southwest Washington Autism Conference](#) - Thursday November 9th from 9-3 Centralia College "Taking Action: Planning for Lifelong Success" Registration begins June 1st at lcautism.org. Questions or more information Email: conference@lcautism.org

2018...

7/1-7/8: [The Special Olympics USA Games](#) held in Seattle 2018-more information to follow.

2017 Advocacy Days in Olympia

NOTE: Advocacy Day is every Wednesday from February 1st through April 5th. It begins with an hour briefing at 10:00 am at the The United Churches (110 - 11th Avenue SE, Olympia). Contact Bean if need more information bean@arcwa.org or 1.888.754.8798 option 5.

4/5: Advocacy Day-Take Note!

If this is your first visit and you need a guide for the day, please let us know when you register. To register, please call: 1.888.754.8798, option 5, or e-mail: bean@arcwa.org

New Resources

1) [Seattle Childrens Center for Children with Special Needs](#) has just released the 2017 edition of our [Summer Camp Directory \(pdf version\)](#).

The Summer Camp Directory lists camps that serve children and youth with special needs throughout Washington, and includes a list of camps by diagnosis. Using our searchable online summer camp directory you may search by camp type, specific condition, region, and month!

If you have any questions, or would like to order print copies of the directory for your clients, please respond to this email or call 206-987-3736. Please feel free to share this email with colleagues and friends!

2) [Center for Parent Resources](#) - We are pleased to provide English speakers with quick access to the wealth of information in Spanish on this website. For those of you who don't speak Spanish, use this page to easily find and share important info in Spanish with the Spanish speakers you serve. Each item in the list below starts with the topic in English (which is linked to info in English on that topic). This is followed by the title of the page in Spanish that offers the same or similar information in Spanish. [Example: Age of majority | Mayoría de edad] Refer Spanish-speaking families to our [Lista de Recursos en Español](#) page. It's entirely in Spanish.

3) Education - Supreme Court Unanimously Rules in Favor of Special Education Students In a major win for the disability community, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that school districts must give students with disabilities the chance to make meaningful, "appropriately ambitious" progress. In *Endrew F. v. Douglas County School District RE-1*, the high court rejected the "merely more than de minimis" standard set by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit, in Denver.

"Of course this describes a general standard, not a formula," Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in the opinion. "When all is said and done, a student offered an educational program providing 'merely more than de minimis' progress from year to year can hardly be said to have been offered an education at all," he wrote. "The IDEA demands more," he added. "It requires

an educational program reasonably calculated to enable a child to make progress appropriate in light of the child's circumstances."

Pure Wow-20 Ways to Practice Self-Care in 2017 by Jenny Jin



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with a giant bowl of popcorn
and a glass of wine.

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