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WA State Parent to Parent (P2P) Newsletter: August 2018

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Wow, hope you are enjoying the sun! Beautiful weather and warm water for swimming even.

Our network is really growing. We have added 5 more counties this year - Lincoln/Whitman - welcome Debbie Chapman working with The Arc of Spokane; Okanogan working with Chelan/Douglas DD (looking for Coordinators for both of those areas); Pacific working with The Arc of Grays Harbor; Skamania working with Klickitat through PEACE in Clark County!

Very exciting. You all are doing such great work out there and so we are expanding. Thank you.~~Susan and Jackie



Inclusion in daily life can be the legacy of the Special Olympics

By Stacy Gillette & Dr. Gary Stobbe
[Full Article Seattle Times July 8, 2018](#)

We are committed to working with the local business community to increase employment opportunities and develop training initiatives for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities...

WIN initiative - [Welcome Inclusion Initiative](#)

A grass roots effort around the state who welcome people with disabilities to their businesses. Get involved in your County and take a look at the Map of businesses in your area already signed up and trained! Let's add more.

Come to the [Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Conference](#), September 29th, 2018 from 9-4 at Bellevue College.



Calendar of EVENTS

August

8/1-8/21: [DSHS Town Hall Meetings](#) with Secretary Cheryl Strange, held around the state in August

8/5-8/10: [Youth Transition Summer Workshop](#)

The FREE Youth Transition Summer Workshop is for youth with all disabilities who are planning to live independently someday and have career or educational goals. Youth who have or had a 504 plan or IEP are encouraged to apply. **This is for ages 16-21 years old.** The individual who is interested in attending must be the one to call and request an application. Once we receive their application they will be contacted for an interview in June.

The workshop focuses on preparing for college and/or employment, and developing independent living skills including self-advocacy, financial management, etc. This is a great opportunity for youth to get connected with community resources and meet other youth with disabilities who plan to live independently. We'll have motivational speakers, many of who lead productive and successful lives despite having disabilities. For a glimpse of our previous workshops please see our short video below. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXX14H6WCt0&feature=em-share_video_user

8/6-8/10: University Autism Hiring event August 6th - 10th focused on [Software Engineer](#) candidates. Please apply by [sending resumes](#)

8/17: The Down Syndrome clinic on August 17th in Lacey - [Promoting Strengths and Adaptive Resources in Persons with Downs Syndrome](#)

8/17-8/19: Summer Games August 17-19 Everett WA-Volunteer Positions available for new "Wellness Coordinators" to do health screenings at events and direct families to needed health services and supports. Contact-[Samantha Thompson](#) for information and application.

September

9/29: [2018 Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Conference](#). In Bellevue, 9-4

October

10/1-10/3: [35th Annual Pacific NW Institute on Special Education and the Law](#) will be held in Portland, Oregon at the Oregon Convention Center. Our headquarter hotel will be the [Hilton Portland Downtown](#).

10/5-10/7: [Dad's Training Weekend](#)

10/26: [8th annual Southwest Washington Autism Conference in Centralia \(9-3\)](#)

RESOURCES

[Back to School Tips for Kids with Autism and Special Needs](#)

Informing Families: A Partnership for Better Communication on Developmental Disability Issues in Washington State www.informingfamilies.org

Reasons to Re-Apply with [Developmental Disabilities Administration \(DDA\)](#) at Age 4

- Some children do get DDA services right away. No waiting.
- Becoming a client as a child helps transition services as an adult.
- DDA clients who don't get paid services receive useful information.
- Eligibility puts you a step ahead in the event your child needs more support than you can provide.
- Documenting your child's needs helps everyone. Even if you are denied a services due to lack of funding, you provide data that gives the state a true picture of the number of eligible people and their unmet needs.

After Age 4, DDA Services can include:

Respite, Personal Care, OT/PT/Speech & Hearing, Home & Vehicle Modifications, Skilled Nursing, Short-term Emergency Services, Supported employment and in-home support (for adults)

Do You Have Medicaid and Pay for Private Health Insurance

Call to see if you qualify for the Premium Reimbursement Program through the Washington State Healthcare Authority. You may be able to get your premiums reimbursed to you. Call 1.800.562.3022 ext. 15473 or visit: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/program-administration/premium-payment-program>

Washington State ID Card

- An individual can obtain an ID card at any age with proof of residency and identity.
- A standard ID is \$54.00 and is good for 6 years.
- An Enhanced ID (EID) is \$78.00
- Replacing a lost or stolen ID card costs \$20.
- You can get an ID/EID card at any age.
- Visit a local driver's licensing office to apply.
- Parents/guardians - you can get an ID/EID card for your child/ren. Your child must be with you at the office to get it.

Department of Licensing: 1.866.520.4365

<https://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/idcards.html>

Special Education Technology Center

<https://www.specialedtechcenter.org/>

- All public school districts in the state of Washington and the personnel who work in those districts.
- Any student, preschool through age 21, who formally receives special education services and who may require assistive technology to access their education.
- Families of special needs students. (Services must be accessed through the school district serving their child.)
- Collaborative technology planning for specific students whose disabilities require the use of some form of assistive technology in order to fully access their education.
- A lending library of toys, switches, augmentative communication devices, alternative keyboards and other computer input devices, environmental control devices and software designed for students with special needs.
- Staff development on topics including assistive technology overview, augmentative communication, alternate computer input, software solutions and environmental control.



**“Our goal should be clear.
We are seeking nothing less than a life**

surrounded by the richness
and diversity of community.
A collective life.
A common life.
An everyday life.
A powerful life
that gains its joy from the creativity
and connectedness that comes
when we join in association as citizens
to create an inclusive world.”
~~John McKnight



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