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## WA State Parent to Parent (P2P) Newsletter: January 2017

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Let it snow... Let it snow... Let it snow...!

"The trick in life is learning how to deal with it"~~Helen Mirren

**WELCOME January 2017- and a Happy New Year!**

Happy New Year and all the best to all of you and your families.  
Thanks for all you do~~Susan

### **MY OOPS!**

**Sorry!...**

Mely Cervantes, Hispanic Outreach Coordinator Snohomish County P2P is still with P2P (Glad you are still with us.)

**I should have said ...**

**Goodbye and Thank you:** MELISSA REYLING, Connecting Families / Sibshop Coordinator with Snohomish County. MIA FRANKLIN, Co-Coordinator for African American Families with The King County P2P

**Welcome:** MARIA CERVANTES, Family Support Specialist & Family

## Calendar of Events

### 2017...

**1/28:** [Washington Shining Star Pageant](#) is now accepting applications for participants. Girls must be in Kindergarten up to age 30 with an IEP, and/ or disability.

**2/16:** [Assistive Technology Conference](#)

**3/8 - 3/10:** [General & Special Education Conference](#)-WA State Convention Center, Seattle. Course content age range: Birth-21 years of age.

**3/31:** [Duncan Seminar Seattle Children's Hospital](#)- "The Juggling Act" Developmental Disabilities, Behavioral Challenges and Mental Health. More info to come.

**5/3 - 5/5:** [Infant and Early Childhood Conference](#) - Greater Tacoma Convention Center, Tacoma, WA.

### 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](mailto:bean@arcwa.org) or 888.754.8798 option 5.**

**2/1:** [Advocacy Day](#) Briefing, CEA Employment Rally, DD Public Policy Briefing and [Legislative Reception](#)

10:00-11:30 am Advocacy Day Briefing (The United Churches)

12:00 noon Community Employment Alliance (CEA) Employment Rally (Rotunda State Capitol)

2:00-4:00 pm DD Public Policy Briefing (The United Churches)

5:30-7:00 pm Legislative Reception (Columbia Room State Capitol)

**2/8:** Advocacy Day-Disability Protections

**2/15:** Advocacy Day-Supported Living and Rally with CRSA

**2/22:** Advocacy Day-Multi-Cultural Day

**3/1:** Advocacy Day-Meet Your Legislators

**3/8:** Advocacy Day-How McCleary Affects You

**3/15: Advocacy Day-Family Services and Parent to Parent Day!**

**3/22:** Advocacy Day-Budget Overview

**3/29: Advocacy Day-Self-Advocates / Autism and Down Syndrome Day!**

## New Resources

[Sexuality and Developmental Disability Workshops](#) with Katherine McLaughlin - [5 Tips that May Help...](#)

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