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

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### WELCOME May 2017!!!

Happy Spring! Hope the sun comes out to stay soon. In the meantime enjoy the beautiful trees and Spring flowers. Hope to see you Thursday at the IECC Conference in Tacoma. Check out our resource table.  
Goodbye to Jennifer Lee, Spokane Parent to Parent Coordinator.~~Susan

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### P2P Coordinator Spotlight: Lewis County!

All About Me - [Sara Palm-Sons](#), Coordinator ([Lewis County Parent2Parent Facebook page](#))

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## Calendar of Events

ESIT would like to share the following information:

Coffee Break webinars last 15 minutes! And you can't beat this great early childhood content. May is Better Hearing and Speech Month! In celebration, OSEP's Early Childhood Assistive Technology Model Demonstration grantees and Center on Technology and Disability is partnering with the Office of Head Start's Early Childhood Hearing Outreach (ECHO) Initiative to join the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) in celebrating this year's theme "Communication: The Key to Connection." Throughout the month of May, ASHA partners with national and local stakeholders to engage in a multifaceted public education campaign to raise awareness about the critical need to intervene early when young children are identified with communication disorders. The [Coffee Break Webinars](#) will focus on raising awareness about the use of assistive technology and the importance of frequent hearing screenings. Please join the Coffee Break webinar series to learn more about assistive technology and hearing screening. There is no pre-registration to join the webinars.

- Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 2:00-2:15 p.m. EDT Debunking Common Myths about Using Assistive Technology with Young Children - Bridget Gilormini, Director, Simon Technology Center PACER Center Bridget - [Gilormini.Bridget.Gilormini@pacer.org](mailto:Gilormini.Bridget.Gilormini@pacer.org)  
<https://ncham.adobeconnect.com/bhsm/>
- Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 2:00 - 2:15 p.m. EDT - Don't Wait to Communicate! Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Jacqueline Hess, Director, Disabilities Studies and Services & Early Care and Education  
[jhess@fhi360.org](mailto:jhess@fhi360.org) & <https://ncham.adobeconnect.com/bhsm/>
- Friday, May 5, 2017, 2:00 - 2:15 p.m. EDT Quality Hearing Screening Practices for Children Birth to 5 Years of Age Will Eiserman, Early Childhood Hearing Outreach (ECHO) Initiative <https://ncham.adobeconnect.com/bhsm/>
- Monday, May 8, 2017, 2:00 - 2:15 p.m. EDT Using a Multi-Modal Approach to Support Children with Hearing Loss Karen Latimer, Assistive Technology Specialist, Delaware Assistive Technology Initiative, Center for Disabilities Studies Karen Latimer [klatimer@udel.edu](mailto:klatimer@udel.edu) & <https://ncham.adobeconnect.com/bhsm/>
- Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 2:00 - 2:15 p.m. EDT Center on Technology and Disability: Free Resources to Support the Use of Assistive Technology in Young Children with Disabilities Jacqueline Hess, Director, Disabilities Studies and Services & Early Care and Education [jhess@fhi360.org](mailto:jhess@fhi360.org) & <https://ncham.adobeconnect.com/bhsm/>

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

5/5: Washington State Community Connectors-[1st Annual Children's Behavioral Health Summit in Yakima](#)

6/5: [Giving Care & Taking Care-Family Caregiver Conference](#) -Learn practical caregiving skills and strategies. This full-day training conference on Monday, June 5, 2017 allows you to choose from many helpful workshops based on your needs as a caregiver. It will be held at the Tukwila Community Center in Tukwila, Washington. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. [brochure](#)

6/13-6/15: [Wenatchee 2017 Community Summit "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](mailto:monica@gowise.org) or 1.253.307.7475-[Registration](#) open.

6/14-6/16: [28th Annual Washington Behavioral Health Conference](#) - Celebrating Opportunity-Supporting Health & Recovery-Vancouver WA

6/16-6/18: [Washington State Fathers Network](#) family campout in Anacortes Contact Louis Mendoza # 425.653.4286 for questions or information.

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.

6/27: [Tacoma Rainiers Low Sensory Night](#)

7/23-7/28: Come join us for the 17th Youth Leadership Forum for High School Students with Disabilities, an exciting, fun, educational, five-night, six-day, Leadership Program! The Youth Leadership Forum is a project of the Washington State Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment.

Deadline to apply: June 12, 2017

WHO: Approximately 35-50 high school students with a disability will be selected to attend the Forum. [Application](#)

WHEN: July 23-28, 2017

WHERE: Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington

8/9-8/10: [13th Annual Northwest Autism Conference 2017](#) -Kadlec Neurological Resource Center Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 8:00 AM (PDT) Richland, WA

10/13 & 14: [WASCLA Summit 2017](#)-Taking Action: Making Inclusion a Reality October 13-14, 2017 in beautiful Wenatchee, and get involved now with helping to create Washington's only multidisciplinary conference dedicated to language access statewide. The theme is Taking Action: Making Inclusion a Reality. Opportunities abound to get involved with planning the content, speakers, and event support. Just drop us a line at [wascla.lep@gmail.com](mailto:wascla.lep@gmail.com)

11/4: [Washington State Fathers Network](#) conference in Bellevue. Calendar-[For more information](#)

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](http://lcautism.org). Questions or more information Email: [conference@lcautism.org](mailto:conference@lcautism.org)

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

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## New Resources

1) [Doctors Urged to Address Needs of Females with Disabilities](#)

*(article by Shaun Heasley June 22, 2016 )*

2) [Sensory Friendly Opportunities](#) [Pacific Science Center, AMAC Sensory Friendly Films & Seattle Symphony]

3) [10 Tips for Getting Out of the House with a Ton of Medical Equipment](#)

*(article by Susan Agrawal March 2016)*

4) [Parents: Be Aware](#) *(Potential Predator Apps, Potential Bullying Apps & Deceptive Apps)*

5) [You Are Not Alone: For Parents When They Learn That Their Child Has a Disability](#) *(by Patricia McGill Smith)*

6) National & State Parks - Did you know that anyone with a permanent disability can get an [Access Pass](#) that allows free access to all national parks and other federally operated recreational locations? The pass is available for free at any federal recreation site, or can be obtained through the mail for \$10. Your entire family is allowed in for free with the Access Pass. [See application information.](#) You can also access a Discover Pass for Washington State Parks. The Department of Licensing issues Washington State disability permits and license plates, and holders of these are exempt from needing the Discover Pass on State Parks lands. Holders of these permits and plates will need the Discover Pass to access lands managed by WDFW and DNR. [Free Washington State Park Days](#) are: June 3rd National Trails Day, June 10th National Outdoors Day, August 25th Celebrate 101st Birthday of the National Park Services, September 30th National Public Lands Day, November 11th Autumn Free Day and November 24th Veterans Day.

7) Seattle Art Museum - [Express Yourself](#) is a Seattle non-profit empowerment program for teenagers with physical disabilities designed to encourage self-expression through different artistic mediums.



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AND HAVE A LONG, HARD, CLEANSING CRY,  
JUST BECAUSE!

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