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



Hi,

Sitting in the sun watching people and dogs play in the park across the street. Ahhh, hope this is the beginning of Spring.

Welcome to Gail Lampers, the new Klickitat County Coordinator (see her [All About Me](#)) who will work with PEACE and Darla Helt. And also, Fabliola Solis who is working with Heather and Amanda in Skagit County now.

Have a wonderful Easter and Spring.

~~Susan and Jackie

Klickitat County Parent to Parent Highlighted!

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2018 Calendar of EVENTS

April

Pinwheels for Prevention Month of April-Throughout April, celebrate the lives you touch and those who have touched yours by honoring them with a pinwheel - the national symbol for the great childhoods all children deserve because our children are our future. In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the pinwheel as the new national symbol for child abuse prevention through **Pinwheels for Prevention**®.

4/8: The Museum of Flight will once again open early for Sensory Day.

- This is so children with autism and their families can enjoy the Museum for free in a sensory-sensitive environment. We will be hosting a handful of appropriate activities, and we are inviting other organizations to host a table to promote their resources to our visitors.
- The event will run from **8am to 10am on Sunday, April 8th**, and partnering organizations are welcome to keep their table up for as long as they like that day.

4/9-4/10: Join the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) in our nation's capital for the 2018 Annual Buddy Walk® on Washington and the First-Ever NDSS Adult Summit April 9-10, 2018! The National Down Syndrome Society, the leading human rights organization for all individuals with Down syndrome, is excited to announce registration is OPEN! [You can use this link to register.](#)

4/11: Person Centered Planning, the Who, What, and When [REGISTER FOR WEBINAR](#)
WISE On-line Webinar Wednesday, April 11, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM PDT
Join Katherine Titus, in this engaging Webinar as she provides the basics on Person Centered Planning, answering the following questions: How and when does a person access a Person Centered Plan? What does the planning process look like? What are the key values of Person Centered Planning? Who is included in the team process? Katherine will also share success stories about how Person Centered Planning is transformative for people in Employment and beyond.

4/13: [Parent Training Weekend](#) by DADS M.O.V.E.

\$30 registration

April 13, 2018 @ 5:00 pm - April 15, 2018 @ 12:00 pm

The Double K Retreat Center

620 Tall Timber Trail

Easton, Wa 98925

4/19-4/20: [Inland Northwest Brain Injury Symposium](#)- Thursday, April 19, 3 to 5 pm & Friday, April 20, Noon to 7 pm at Eastern Washington University Spokane; SEWC 122; 668 North Riverpoint Blvd., Suite A, Spokane - The Inland Northwest Brain Injury Symposium facilitates real conversations, education, and advocacy for the betterment of our community and beyond. Our intention is to showcase both professional and brain injury survivor perspectives to create a holistic presentation and relative discourse of life after a brain injury. Students, professionals, caregivers, and other relevant populations are welcome. To register or to learn more, go to www.tbipanel.org. Persons with special needs may make arrangements for accommodations by calling (509) 359-6227 at least three weeks prior to the event.

4/20: 39th Annual Duncan Seminar: Spina Bifida: Promoting Wellness and Preventing Pitfalls
Friday, April 20th 8-4:30 pm at Wright Auditorium, Seattle Children's Hospital, 4800 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105

[For more information, brochure or register on line.](#)

4/21: [All Born In! Conference](#) April 21, 8:30 AM - 4 PM Holiday Inn Portland Airport
13th annual cross-disability best practices educational inclusion conference! Featuring 30+ workshops, national keynote speakers, panel discussions, entertainment, art sale, and much more...

4/21: Please join us Saturday, April 21 from 10-3, for the annual [Voices of Autism](#) event at Seattle Pacific University. This event is free and open to the public. We will host a community resource fair, a keynote speaker, and a panel discussion. We hope to see you there! [Questions-Contact?](#)

4/25: [Autism at Work](#) Virtual Career Fair-On-line recruiting event 1 pm-3 pm.
Visit our Microsoft inclusive hiring site here: <http://aka.ms/inclusivehiring>

May

5/3-5/4: The 2018 IECC Conference will be held May 2-4, 2018 in the Greater Tacoma Convention Center, Tacoma, WA with a preconference day on May 2. [Registration Form](#)
REMINDER - Parent scholarships available - Family Scholarship Applicant: Must complete online or emailjackson@birthtothree.org

June

6/12-6/14: [Community Summit 2018](#) "Click Forward: Refresh, Connect, Evolve"-SAVE the DATE!
Please join us June 12 through 14, 2018.

- In addition to the lineup of exceptional speakers and presentations which the Community Summit has become known for, we will be featuring an Assistive Technology Expo and technology related sessions throughout the conference schedule.
- Wenatchee Convention Center, 121 North Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee, Washington 98801 (509) 662-4411
- [Registration](#) begin March 2018.
- General Summit Registration \$225.00: * Lodging not included
- Single Stipend- \$450: includes registration, limited meals and lodging June 12 & 13
- Double Stipend- \$375: includes registration, limited meals and lodging June 12 & 13 for each attendee.

6/16-6/23: [2018 Autism Campus Inclusion \(ACI\) Leadership Academy!](#)

- The ACI summer leadership training prepares autistic students to engage in disability advocacy on their college campuses. Accepted applicants will travel to Washington, DC and participate in advocacy training from June 16th to June 23rd, 2018. Participants will acquire valuable skills in community organizing, policy formation, and activism. Travel and lodging are fully covered by ASAN.
- Applicants must identify as Autistic and be current college students with at least one year remaining before graduation. The Autistic Self Advocacy Network will cover travel and lodging costs for all ACI students. Students in TPSID programs (Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities), 2-year community colleges, 4-year colleges, and graduate school are eligible to apply. We especially encourage students of color, LGBT students, low-income students, students with intellectual disabilities, AAC users, and students from other or multiply marginalized communities to apply.
To apply, please submit a completed application by Sunday, February 25th, 2018 to Reid Caplan at rcaplan@autisticadvocacy.org.
- If you need assistance or accommodations at any stage, or have any questions about ACI, please contact Reid Caplan at rcaplan@autisticadvocacy.org.

6/26-6/28: [Beyond Paper Tigers Trauma Informed Conference](#) hosted by Community Resilience Initiative Resilience Trumps ACES June 26th 6:30 pm - June 28th 3:30 pm.
Location: Red Lion Hotel in Pasco, WA. See link for times and more information.

Red Lion Hotel Pasco
2525 North 20th Avenue
Pasco, WA 99301

6/28: [/DD and Dementia](#)-A forum for advocates, thought leaders, family members and creative

thinkers. LEARN what we know about those with I/DD and dementia. CONNECT and network with leaders from various disciplines and systems that support people with I/DD. PLAN next steps we can take to better support those with I/DD in our state who develop dementia.

June 28, 2018

Seatac Airport Conference Center

10:00 am to 2:30 pm

July

7/1-7/6: Held in Seattle 2018 - [The Special Olympics USA Games](#)

The USA Games staff run all the events including opening ceremony-you can find all the [details here](#). Husky Stadium and tickets are \$20.

The 2018 Special Olympics USA Games will be held in Seattle, Washington July 1-6, 2018. More than 4,000 athletes and coaches representing 50 state Programs and the District of Columbia, along with the support of tens of thousands of volunteers and spectators, will compete in 14 Olympic-type team and individual sports.

- [Law Enforcement Torch-run](#) representatives nationwide carry the Special Olympics Flame of Hope that will light the cauldron at the Opening Ceremony (June 28th-July 1st 2018)
- [Events and Ceremonies](#)
- [View The Sports](#)

August

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.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRAININGS

2018 WA Employment Learning Network (WELN)-Training Opportunities

* Systematic Instruction and Natural Supports trainings

5/8-5/9: [Yakima Registration](#)



GRANT Information

[Ben's Fund Autism Grant](#) - The Ben's Fund Mission is to provide grant opportunities to families across Washington state who need financial assistance with requests related specifically to their child's autism spectrum disorder treatments. From therapies to equipment, we support our local families by easing some of the financial strain associated with autism.

Ben's Fund grants are available for up to \$1,000.00 per qualifying child, per award year.

To review eligibility and for instructions on how to apply: click here for the Ben's Fund Application & Instruction Page. Please send all applications to:

FEAT of WA - Attn: Ben's Fund
14434 NE 8th St, Suite #300
Bellevue, WA 98007

Please complete one application per applying child. Applications are accepted year round and are reviewed and awarded monthly throughout the year. Only completed applications will be reviewed by the Ben's Fund Review Committee. Questions?

NEW RESOURCES

[About Aspiring Youth & Delphi Young Adults Speaker Series](#) - By creating trust and connection, we help our participants ages 8 and up as they navigate their social world. Some of our students are shy, some are quirky and some are twice exceptional. Many have a diagnosis of autism, ADHD,

All events take place at Ryther: 2400 NE 95th St, Seattle, WA 98115 (*you may want to contact to see if you can set up in your county*)

[Partners4Housing has launched a new website!](#) Beginning in April, members of our roommate matching pool will be able to search through profiles on our website to find compatible roommates and compatible families with whom to partner to create a Shared Living home for their loved one with a disability. For more information contact [Pam Blanton](#) or by phone at 206-383-4209.

[Preparing and Understanding the DDA Care Assessment](#) video

[Charting a Course for a Lifetime of Learning and Growing](#) (Informing Families Special Spring edition newsletter) Information and resources to help you as your child transitions into early childhood and the school years.

New and updated resources from [Seattle Children's Center for Children with Special Needs](#)

[2018 Summer Camp Directory](#) for children with special health care needs, now available!

- Lists over 80 summer camps and programs for children, youth and young adults with behavioral conditions, learning and developmental disabilities, medical conditions, and physical disabilities across Washington
- Now includes camps in northern Oregon and western Idaho to help serve families in southern and eastern Washington
- Search the online directory by camp type, specific condition, region, and more!
- Single print copies available by mail*

[Resource Guide](#)

- Directory of statewide resources for advocacy, child care, dental, diagnosis, financial help, insurance, mental and behavioral health and more
- Tips and information on care for children with special health care needs
- Available in English and Spanish**

[County Resource Lists](#)

- County specific resources for families of children with special needs
- Download and print to use with families

[Care Notebook Documents and Forms](#)

- Track appointments, clinic information, diet, behavior and more!

**Email Hanna.Abrahamson@seattlechildrens.org if you would like to order one copy of the English and Spanish Resource Guides, or the summer camp directory, for your organization. If you would like multiple copies, you may pick them up from our office. Please contact us with at least two weeks notice. Budget constraints prohibit bulk mailing of the Resource Guide and the Summer Camp Directory.

Friendship isn't about who
you've known the longest.
It's about who walked into
your life, said, "I'm here for
you" and proved it.



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