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## WA State Parent to Parent (P2P) Newsletter: February 2019

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**Happy Valentines Day!**

Have a wonderful day with your Valentines.

Welcome to Tracie Hoppis/Yakima Parent to Parent who will be working with me very part time

until June 30th, when I retire. She will still be at Children's Village.  
Susan, Jackie and Tracie  
State Parent to Parent

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## Calendar of EVENTS

### 2019

#### February

2/1: Application Deadline for 2019 Youth Leadership Forum-Federal Way- August 4-9  
Ages 16-22 There is no cost for students to attend. ([Application](#) - [Information](#) brochure)

2/5: WA Hands & Voices Family Webinar - Tuesday, Feb 5: [The Importance of Collaboration within your Child's Team](#)

#### March

3/9: Families United for a Better Future-Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(Doors open at 7:30 am) Sunnyside High School  
1801 E. Edison, Sunnyside, Washington  
A Bi-lingual Conference for Families and Others Caring for Children; Including those with  
Developmental and Other Disabilities. Pre-Registration Required. [Register Here](#)

3/29: 40th Annual Duncan Seminar: Ready, Steady, Go! Supporting Infants and Children with  
Neuromuscular Disorders  
When: Friday, March 29, 2019; 7:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
Where: Seattle Children's Hospital  
Wright Auditorium  
4800 Sand Point Way NE  
Seattle WA 98105

If you have any questions, please contact Lynna Song at [Lynna.song@seattlechildrens.org](mailto:Lynna.song@seattlechildrens.org) or  
at 206-987-5318

Please see the [brochure](#) for more information about the Seminar and Registration Fees.  
[Register Here](#)

#### April

4/27: [The Inclusive Education Conference](#), Spokane, April 27th. To learn more about this  
conference please contact Shelley Gacusana at [sgacusana@arc-spokane.org](mailto:sgacusana@arc-spokane.org) or by phone at  
509.328.6326.

4/30-5/2: 2018 [National Lifespan Respite Conference "Illuminate Respite"](#)  
Will be held in Buffalo, New York. The New York State Caregiving and Respite Coalition will  
join ARCH in hosting this event. The conference will be held April 30 - May 2, 2019.

#### May

5/1-5/3: [2019 Infant and Early Childhood Conference](#) (IECC). Save The Date May 1, 2, and 3,  
2019 at the Tacoma Convention Center. Early Bird Registration [here](#).

#### June

6/1: Washington Autism Alliance & Advocacy - WAAA's event [2019 It Takes a Village  
Conference](#) Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 9 AM - Vancouver, WA

6/11-6/13: Washington State DSHS Developmental Disabilities Administration is pleased to  
announce Community Summit 2019: Enriching Lives!  
[More information](#) will be available upon registration in spring 2019  
(Registration opens in March).

6/15-6/22: [Autism Campus Inclusion](#) (ACI) [Summer Leadership Academy flyer](#)

submit [application](#) by February 24th - [watch video of past alumlis](#)

6/25: 1st Annual Self-Advocate Disability Summit - Presenters, speakers and volunteers are needed. [Learn more here](#) .

## August

8/4-8.9: 2019 Youth Leadership Forum (YLF)-YLF is at the Dumas Bay Centre in Federal Way, WA. There is no cost for students to attend! Students must be 16 years of age prior to the start of YLF and under the age of 22. Registration Deadline February 1, 2019

[Application](#)

[Brochure](#)

## Educational Events

### WA Hands & Voices Webinars:

Washington Hands & Voices will be providing three family webinars from January to March 2019. This first webinar will focus on IDEA Special Considerations for Students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

2) TBA

3) TBA

### 2019 General & Special Education Conference - [Registration info](#)

March 5-7, 2019

Washington State Convention Center - Downtown

[Seattle WA](#)

## RESOURCES

1. **Feds Weigh Changes To Work Rules For People With Disabilities** by Michelle Diamant  
January 14, 2019 ([Click here for full article.](#))

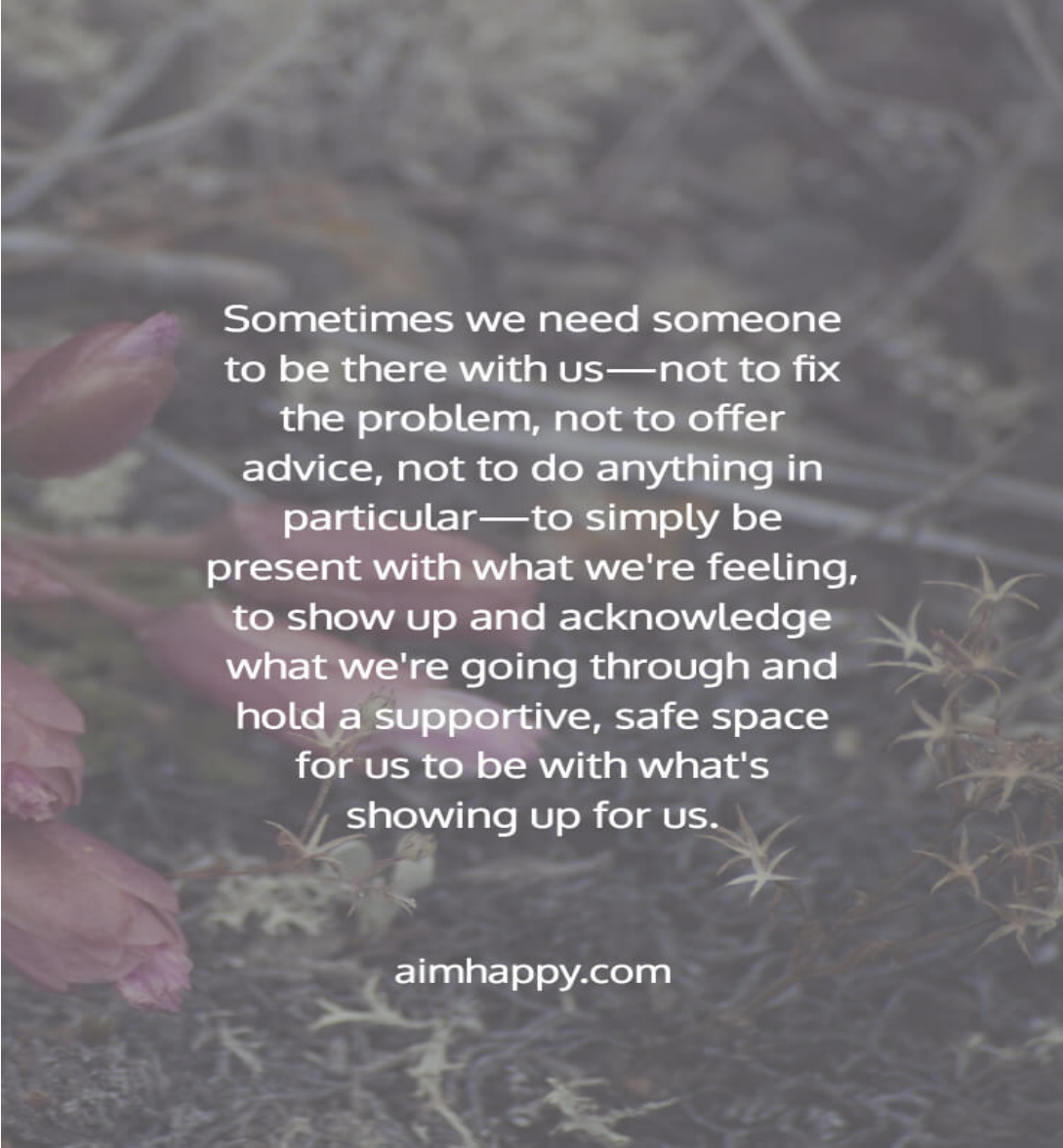
The Trump administration is planning to rethink existing regulations that radically altered the transition from school to work for people with disabilities.

The U.S. Department of Education is expected to issue a proposal this month changing how the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act is implemented.

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2. [What I Wish Doctors Had Said When My Child Was Diagnosed with Downs Syndrome](#)

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Sometimes we need someone  
to be there with us—not to fix  
the problem, not to offer  
advice, not to do anything in  
particular—to simply be  
present with what we're feeling,  
to show up and acknowledge  
what we're going through and  
hold a supportive, safe space  
for us to be with what's  
showing up for us.

[aimhappy.com](http://aimhappy.com)

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