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WA State Parent to Parent (P2P) Newsletter: June 2019

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WE DID IT!!! Your support and advocacy, along with the strong advocacy from the Arc of Washington, provided for additional P2P funding from DDA over the next two years! This funding will allow us to develop P2P in the remaining counties: Wahkiakum, San Juan, Ferry, Stevens and Pend Oreille. We'll be working to identify sponsoring agencies to support these programs, with the exception of Wahkiakum- very thankful that Lacey Cairns, P2P in Cowlitz County, and her sponsoring agency, have agreed to support this program. Please let Tracie know if you are neighboring any of these counties and would be willing/interested/available to assist in supporting these new programs. County contracts should be coming out soon.

Looking for west side support for our network:

You may have seen the email that was sent to west-side P2P Coordinators regarding hiring a part-time coordinator to help me and the Arc of WA support our network- with a special focus on west-side programs. you have the capacity to support our network in this way, please apply! You'd be working alongside Tracie..... Let us know if you have questions or need more information.

~~Susan, Tracie and Jackie
State Parent to Parent

Calendar of EVENTS

2019

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

6/2: [Fathers Network Photo Event](#) Woodinville

6/9: [Fathers Network Gaming Event](#) Seattle

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 opened in March](#)).

6/14-6/16: [Fathers Network Campout](#)

6/15-6/22: [Autism Campus Inclusion](#) (ACI) [Summer Leadership Academy flyer](#) submit [application](#) by February 24th - [watch video of past alumlis](#)

6/25: Disability Resource & Service Fair "[Getting & Staying Connected](#)" Mt Tahoma High School 4634 South 74th Street, Tacoma 98409 from 9 am to 3 pm. Register at [www.PartnerCafebtgas.org](#)

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](#)

October

10/5-10/7: [Dad's Training Weekend](#) - Systems navigation, IEPs, parenting techniques, DE-escalation, reward systems, sibling issues, etc. There is a \$30 registration fee, which includes lodging and meals from Friday evening to Sunday checkout (noon).

November

11/6: The Lewis County Autism Coalition will host its 9th annual Southwest Washington Autism Conference on November 6, 2019 - at Centralia College in Centralia, WA. - and invites you to share your experience and knowledge as a presenter.

Workshops will be aligned with our 2019 conference theme Inclusion: School - Work - Community and advancing the success of individuals with disabilities, families, and professionals. To participate, please complete the Call for Presenters form and send to conference@lcautism.org by April 15, 2019. Early submission is encouraged.

[Download the Save The Date Flyer](#)

Educational Events

The WA State Fathers Network "Telling Your Story with a Purpose" workshops. This is a workshop designed to help you pinpoint an issue you want to advocate for and show you how to get your point across to a decision maker.

Click the link for the following scheduled workshops to get more information and to register:

- [Longview](#), June 1

If you would like to have this workshop conducted in your community, contact Louis Mendoza at louis.mendoza@kinderling.org or at 425-653-4286.

1. [Sensory-Friendly Home Modifications](#)-Are you recognizing that you might need to make home modifications ensure that it is safe and functional for your child with autism? Check out this great article that can help you recognize the interaction between the sensory system and the home environment, and then organize and tack modifications from simple to more complex.
2. Welcome to [Lifespan Respite Washington](#) - Respite is planned or emergency care provided to a child or adult with special needs in order to provide temporary relief to family caregivers caring for that child or adult. Washington has a variety of [respite options for families](#) looking for an opportunity to receive respite throughout the state and across the lifespan, no matter the condition. This website was developed to provide information for family caregivers needing respite that is both formal and informal. You can contact us with any questions and/or to assist you in applying at getrespite@wapave.org or by calling 1-800-5-PARENT and selecting ext. 10
3. Attached is the latest edition of the [Courageous Kids Climbing](#) newsletter. Free climbing event for individuals with special needs.
4. [Within Reach Special Needs are basic needs](#) Do you have questions about your child's health or developmental needs? Call 1.800.322.2588. We can help you find free or low cost resources in your area/community.
5. We can help you find and pay for high-quality license child care. Access child care today by calling our Family Center at 800.446.1114.
6. [Parent Institute for Engagement \(PIE\) Leadership and Lifelong Learning](#). What is Pie? PIE is a 12-month training program for parents/caregivers with children who have received early intervention services through the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) program, and primarily for those who are not working in the early intervention field. [Survey Monkey for PIE](#).
7. [Microsoft Autism Hiring Cohort](#): We will be having our next University Autism Hiring event August 12th - 16th focused on Software Engineer candidates. This is for Full-time and internship positions. Please apply by sending resumes to MSautism@microsoft.com. ([Flyer with info](#))
8. What to do and when to do it --- [DSHS document](#) --- for individuals with a developmental disabilities
9. [Genetic Testing-Parents Face Many Choices](#) - Genetic testing can provide information about changes in chromosomes, genes, or proteins that might impact a person's health, development, or ability to respond to certain medical treatments. Testing is available from pre-birth throughout the lifespan.
10. [Mental Health Education and Support at School](#) - PAVE has new information and resources available in an article about mental healthcare in schools. Two Washington students die from suicide each week. In a typical high-school classroom of about 30 students, chances are high that 2-3 students have attempted suicide in the past year.
11. [Birth to Three Services for Families of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children](#)(Spanish)





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