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

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Just want to wish you much LUCK this month!

**Susan, Tracie and Jackie
State Parent to Parent**

Calendar of EVENTS

2019

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 or at 206-987-5318

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

[Register Here](#)

April

4/5-4/6: The annual All Born (in) Conference is an exciting day for parents, caregivers, and professionals working to end segregation in neighborhood schools and the community. It's a day of celebrating community and learning how to use Universal Design for Learning and Best Practices to reach and teach every child. Share, learn and make connections so that we can all go forth to open the eyes of the wider community to the fact that our children are all born "in". [Click here](#) for more information!

4/27: [The Inclusive Education Conference](#), Spokane, April 27th. To learn more about this conference please contact Shelley Gacusana at 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](#).

5/10-5/12: [32nd Annual Canadian Down Syndrome Conference](#) that will be held in nearby Victoria, British Columbia from May 10-12, 2019. The conference will cover a wide range of topics for all different age groups and stages of life. [Registration information](#).

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](#)

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 advance 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

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.

3) [Educational Advocacy Workshop](#) -

March 23 @ 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

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

March 5-7, 2019

Washington State Convention Center - Downtown

[Seattle WA](#)

RESOURCES

1. The booklet, "Understanding Rubinstein-Taybi Syndrome: A Guide for Families and Professionals" was developed to help family members of children with Rubinstein-Taybi Syndrome better explain their child's condition to healthcare providers, teachers and family members.

RTS is a rare genetic condition that affects approximately 1 in 100,000 to 125,000 newborns each year worldwide. Please feel free to share with any families or professionals that may benefit from this information.

Here is the link to the online booklet: <https://www.ucucedd.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/CCHMC-Rubinstein-Taybi-Syndrome-booklet-FA-EMAIL.pdf>

The booklet and event were made possible through the generous support of the Dr. Jack Rubinstein Foundation at Cincinnati Children's.

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2. Spring Parents Weekend Are you the Parent of a child with behavioral health concerns? So are we, and have traveled a road similar to yours As we have worked towards recovery with our own kids, we have learned a lot about systems navigation, IEPs, parenting techniques, DE-escalation, reward systems, sibling issues, etc. and we simply want to pay it forward.

This weekend event is open to all dads,moms and other caregivers, who have a special needs child in their family, or extended family.

There is a \$30 registration fee, which includes lodging and meals from Friday evening to Sunday checkout (noon). We can also arrange carpools and provide limited assistance to get here. <http://dadsmove.org/event/weekend/>

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3. Partners4Housing's Roommate Matching Platform IS LIVE!!! Members can now search through profiles online to find compatible roommates and like-minded families seeking partners to create a housing solution for their loved one with a disability.

Planning for Housing - [Partners4Housing](#) helps you answer 3 critical questions regarding housing for your family member:

1. What do they needed to live outside our family home?
2. Who will they live with?
3. How do we afford it?

Planning for housing is essential. It takes time (often 3-5 years) to develop a housing solution. Our Residential Assessment is a valuable planning tool. It provides you with important questions to consider as you begin exploring housing options. It's used to identify gaps in your family member's benefits and services and is the first step to joining our Roommate Matching Pool.

Now serving Washington and Arizona. For more information contact Pam Blanton at pam@partners4housing.com or by phone at 206-383-4209. Visit our website at www.partners4housing.com.

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4. [Parent to Parent Program Resources Links](#)

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5. [Parent Support Resources](#)

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6. Please visit link below for newly published Spanish language bulletins on the Informing Families website: <https://informingfamilies.org/topic/spanish/>

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7. [Arc/P2P Publication Requests](#)

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8. [Microsoft Disability Hiring Events](#) - Inclusive hiring opportunities for candidates with disabilities (*join their newsletter to be able to follow future events*).

Resources: Visit our [inclusive hiring site](#), which continuously being updated.

Stay connected With Microsoft Life on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

We will be having our next Autism Hiring event April 1st - 5th focused on Software Engineer candidates. This is for Full-time positions.

Please apply by sending resumes to MSautism@microsoft.com.

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