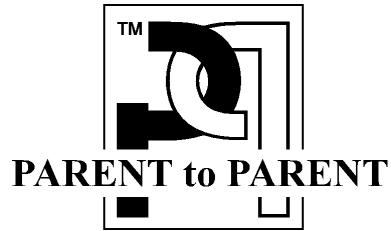


Check out our latest newsletter!



## WA State Parent to Parent (P2P) Newsletter: May 2018



Hello all-wishing you a wonderful Spring with lots of sunshine and time to smell the roses. Take a walk outside. And Happy Mother's Day for those Mothers and Grandmothers out there. Also, welcome to a new Assistant Coordinator for Kitsap and Jefferson Counties to work with Amanda Smith-Naomi Evans!

## 2018 Calendar of EVENTS

### 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](#)

5/7: [2018 2nd Annual Behavioral Health Summit](#) May 7th Yakima

5/30-5/31: Respite Presentation at the Annual Washington State 2018 Traumatic Brain Injury Conference. The Conference is being held on Tuesday, May 29th, 2018 and Wednesday, May 30th, 2018 at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma. If you are interested in attending [you can register for the event here.](#)

5/31: [Microsoft Ability Summit Day 2: Accessibility Product Expo and Disability Inclusion Job Fair](#)

We are excited to invite you to join us at the Microsoft Conference center on May 31st for an afternoon of learning, networking, and fun! This day will be focused on members of the disability community with a goal of building awareness around accessibility and disability inclusion and providing networking opportunities. Anyone who is interested in learning more about Accessibility at Microsoft is welcome to attend.

Thursday, May 31, 2018 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM (Pacific Time)

\*Doors open at 11:30 AM

Microsoft Conference Center (MSCC)

16070 NE 36th Way, Building 33

Redmond, Washington 98052

### June

6/9: Washington Autism Alliance & Advocacy SW WA [It Takes a Village Conference](#) in Vancouver

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 N 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.

6/26-6/28: [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: [I/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

6/28: 17th Annual Caregiver Support Conference: Where the Heart Is...

If you are a caregiver for an individual with a disability or someone who is aging, this conference can provide helpful insights, coping strategies and community. Keynote speaker, Wendy Lustbader, MSW, is the author of several books and essays that have earned her a national reputation in the field of aging. Currently, she teaches advanced practice classes in the Master's in Social Work curriculum at the University of Washington.

Thursday, June 28th

8 am to 4 pm

Center Place;

2426 North Discovery Place,

Spokane Valley

The cost to attend is \$10 for unpaid caregivers and \$45 for agency-based community caregivers. Lunch is provided. CEUs are available. To register, call (509) 458-7450 (option 2). Sponsored by Aging and Long Term Care of Eastern Washington and Frontier Behavioral Health.

## 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](#)

### Person Centered Planning No Cost Training Offered by The Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)

*This two-day workshop will give you practical person centered thinking tools and skills needed day to day to help people have more choice and control in their life.*

*2 Trainings Offered-Lunch Provided*

*Where: The Radisson Hotel at SeaTac 18118 International Boulevard SeaTac, WA 98188*

*When: ([May flyer with information](#))*

*May 15<sup>th</sup> 2018, 9:30AM to 4:30PM*

*May 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 9:00AM to 4:00PM*

[Registration Link](#) For This Workshop

*Or*

*When: ([June flyer with information](#))*

*June 19<sup>th</sup> 2018, 9:30AM to 4:30PM*

*June 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 9:00AM to 4:00PM*

[Registration Link](#) For This Workshop

\*Each two-day workshop is limited to 50 individuals.

\*Register for just one workshop

\*Lunch and a light breakfast will be provided

\*CE credits *will not* be provided for this training



## NEW RESOURCES

1) [Potty Training ideas and much more](#) from Arc of TriCities and Melissa Brooks/P2P.

2) Healthy Bodies - A Parent's Guide to Puberty for Youth with Disabilities [Boys book](#), [Girls book](#)

3) The Wallet Card Project is a project of [The Disability Independence Group, Inc.](#) that was designed in collaboration with The Coral Gables Police Department (CGPD), and The University of Miami Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities. (UM-NSU CARD).

The wallet card is a tool to be used by a teenager or an adult with a disability. Currently, we have developed cards for persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or intellectual disabilities. We will be expanding the program to other disabilities in the future. If you are interested in how our project grows, [please sign up for our newsletter.](#)

If you are interested, in getting a wallet card, please watch our video. This will explain how to use the wallet card, when to use the wallet card, and give you tips on how to safely interact with law enforcement and first responders.

Once you have watched the video, you can fill out the form below, and we will make you a customized wallet card. Answers to the most common questions about the Wallet Card and how to order and use the Wallet Card are available [here \(FAQ\).](#)

Here is a list of suggestions on how you can customize your wallet card. ([suggestions-to-customize-card](#))

If you have any questions, please email us at: [debbie@justdigit.org](mailto:debbie@justdigit.org).

Watch the video and apply: <https://www.justdigit.org/wallet-cards/>

4) Funding Opportunity for Housing Vouchers for People with Disabilities

This opportunity provides funding to assist non-elderly people with disabilities who are:

- Transitioning from institutional or other segregated settings to community living;
- At serious risk of institutionalization;
- Homeless; or
- At risk of becoming homeless.

**Applications for this funding opportunity are due by 11:59 PM ET on June 18, 2018.**

[View the details and application instructions.](#)

Learn more about the [HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program](#). Email [mainstreamvouchers@hud.gov](mailto:mainstreamvouchers@hud.gov) with questions.

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

5) New Camps Added!

Since our [Summer Camp Directory](#) release on March 1, we have continued to add new summer camps. The directory now lists over 95 camps for children, youth and young adults with behavioral conditions, learning and developmental disabilities, medical conditions and physical disabilities. Camps are located throughout Washington, north Oregon and west Idaho. Search for camps by camp type, diagnosis, location, and more!

To order a single copy of the print directory, contact [Hanna Abrahamson](#).

**Resources put together by PAVE...Thank you, PAVE!!**

6) [Tips to Make a Well-Informed Transition into Life After High School](#)

Senior year is loaded with projects, planning and a big push to finish requirements and figure out what happens next. For students with special needs, there can be a few extra steps, and it's never too soon to start thinking and planning for this important transition.

7) [Attention Teens: You Can Lead Your IEP Meeting](#)

If you are a student with an Individualized Education Program (IEP), you are in charge - even if no one ever told you that!

8) [Washington State Offers a New Option for Employment and Housing Support](#)

Employment and housing can be critical to good health, and the State of Washington has recognized the more supports are needed in these key areas. In January 2018, the state launched a new program to support individuals with complex care needs because of physical or mental impairments by helping them to find and keep jobs and homes

9) [A Recent Supreme Court Ruling Could Impact Your Child's IEP](#)

The parents of a child named Endrew F argued that their son with a disability deserved more from his public school. They appealed their case all the way to the Supreme Court, and the ruling in their favor could mean more robust rights for all children with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).







**“Without leaps of imagination or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning.”**

~~Gloria Steinem

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