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WA State Parent to Parent (P2P) Newsletter: March 2020

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MARCH

Hi all....

THANK YOU for all you do to support families raising children with special needs in Washington State.

I know we're all concerned about the current health crisis related to COVID-19, and how it may impact our families and communities. As hosts and conveners of family gatherings, please take extra precautions including having plenty of hand sanitizer available and canceling meetings/events when necessary. Stay Safe.

And.... Congratulations to Patty Gonzalez and P2P, King County. Patty will provide leadership and support to our Multicultural Outreach Coordinators over the next 7 months- learning about program needs and strengths, as well as how we can best support the work of serving families from diverse backgrounds. We're excited for this new opportunity!

Thanks to funding from the Department of Health/CYSHCN we are hosting three regional Parent to Parent Spring Trainings:

Central/Eastern Washington- Moses Lake (April 22, 2020)

Northwest Washington- Everett (March 31, 2020)

Southwest Washington- Olympia (April 16, 2020)

This will be a connection and learning time for Coordinators who will return to their communities with fresh ideas and renewed energy for the important work of supporting families raising children with special needs!

Thinking about you all, Thank you for all you do,
Tracie, Theresa and Jackie

Washington State Parent to Parent is thankful to the following state agencies for continued funding support: [The Arc of Washington](#), [Washington State Developmental Disabilities Administration](#), [Washington State Department of Health](#), [Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council](#).

Calendar of EVENTS

2020

May

5/6-8: 2020 Infant and Early Childhood Conference (IECC). May 6, 7, and 8, 2020 at the Tacoma Convention Center

*IECC plans to offer STARS Credit and Clock Hours for this event.

For general conference information please visit <https://www.ieccwa.org/2020/>

Will have parent scholarships available. Participants can apply online or email djackson@birthtothree.org with any questions.

Online registration for IECC 2020 is scheduled to open early next week/February 2020. If you have questions please feel free to contact customer service at 800-280-6218.

5/11: Washington State Leadership Initiative (WSLI) in-person meeting. This year the meeting will be held on 5/11/2020 at the Sea Tac Community Center. Any questions contact Colleen Bradley at cbradley@wapave.org. (more info below)

June

6/9-11: SAVE THE DATE...Make Your Mark... [Community Summit Wenatchee](#), WA

DSHS Developmental Disabilities Administration is pleased to announce Community Summit 2020: Make Your Mark. The annual Community Summit brings together self-advocates, families, educators, community leaders, non-profit agencies, and public sector partners to discuss building inclusive communities where everyone can make their mark! Engaging keynote speakers, informational sessions, workshops, discussion panels and fun social events make attending this much anticipated conference a rewarding experience. We invite you to immerse yourself in three days of learning, collaborating and connecting for personal and professional growth. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for Community Summit 2020!

The keynote speaker at The Community Summit this year is Rob Snow, creator of The Improvaneers. [Check out this video](#) to learn more and get ready to hear him speak at the Summit in June of 2020!

For questions please contact Ron Bryan at BryanRE@dshs.wa.gov or call at 360-407-1544.



[2020 Advocacy Day Schedule \(Advocacy brochure\)...last one for the session](#)

March 4th-Workforce Shortage

Do you trouble finding a care provider, a respite provider, a supported living provider, a primary care physician, a dentist, etc. In the early 1900s, people had large families with 8-12 children. By the 1950s, families were having fewer children, an average of 5 kids. In the 1980s the average was only 3 children and currently it is 0 - 2 children. As children of the early baby boomers are retiring, the next generation provides a smaller number of people to fill the workforce and as the trend continues it will be even harder to find providers. Learn what we need to do.

RESOURCES

1. Beginning on October 1, 2020, Washington residents with Standard Driver Licenses and IDs will need to present a federally approved form of ID, such as a passport or permanent resident card, when traveling by air or entering certain federal buildings.

<https://weareoneamerica.org/2018/07/10/what-you-should-know-about-washingtons-real-id-compliance/>

Are You Ready? ID2020 Washington

<http://oneamerica2.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/ID2020-Infographic-040918.pdf>

2. The Washington Family Care Act (FCA) allows employees to take any paid leave offered by their employer to:

- Provide treatment or supervision for a child with a health condition.
- Care for a qualifying family member with a serious or emergency health condition.

Leave under the FCA is not available for an employee's personal medical condition. It can only be used for a qualifying family member.

When requesting FCA leave, all employer policies and collective bargaining agreements must be followed. However, employers cannot prescribe the type of leave an employee chooses under this Act. ([Go to Website for more information](#))

3. Helpful information and resources on Public Charge: [What ESIT Families and Providers Should Know](#)

<https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/know-your-rights/>

<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/child-development-supports/esit/community-resources>

4. Hello WSLI participants, It's the time of year that we send out a save the date for the Washington State Leadership Initiative (WSLI) in-person meeting.

This year the meeting will be held on 5/11/2020 at the Sea Tac Community Center . There will be a continental breakfast available and lunch served. The meeting will be from 10 AM to 3 PM and if you need support with mileage, flight, or overnight arrangements let Colleen Bradley know at cbradley@wapave.org.

We encourage you to share this with other family organizations or organizations that serve children, youth, young adults, and their families as well as family leaders themselves. If you have someone you would like to invite send the contact information to Colleen and she can add them to the list for when she sends out the invitations.

We look forward to seeing you all on May 11th.

Respectfully,

Jill McCormick | Director - Family to Family Health Information Center | PAVE Partnerships for Action Voices for Empowerment

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5. Developmental Disabilities Administration Factsheets

<https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/adsaapps/about/factsheets/DDAFactsheets.aspx>

6. [National Health Statistics Reports: Number 139-February 19, 2020](#) - Prevalence of Childcare Aged 3-17 years with Developmental Disabilities by Urbanicity, United States 2015-2018 by Benjamin Zablotsky Ph.D. and Lindsey I. Black M.P.H.



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