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## WA State Parent to Parent (P2P) Newsletter: October 2016

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**It always seems impossible until it's done!**

Nelson Mandela

**WELCOME October-**

**Hi all,**

**We just finished our annual Coordinator and Ethnic Outreach training in Wenatchee. Loved seeing everyone and learned so much. Thanks to Ann Whitehall DDA waivers, Sam Blazina OEO, Meredith and Michelle from DOH, Jill McCormick F2F/PAVE/Mental Health and Vicki Isett, Bev Sweet and Jamie Coonts on supporting parents whose child has passed away. All of them were amazing. And the work P2P Programs are doing around the state is mind boggling-you are Super! Congrats to Melissa Lund-new Coordinator in Kitsap/Jefferson winning the Bake Off with her chocolate Caramel Sea Salt Brownies (got to get that recipe). Welcome also to Doreen Vandervort-Pierce County and**

## P2P Coordinator Spotlight: Whatcom!

This month we highlight P2P Whatcom County!

Click on name to meet [Marcela Jiminez](#), [Melissa Abraham](#) and [Karlene Umbaugh](#)!



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## Calendar of Events

### October 2016

**10/1:** 2016 Equity & Family Engagement Conference: Engage: United For Student Success - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Mill Creek. Click [here](#) for more info.

**10/2:** Puget Sound Buddy Walk Seattle Center Next50 Plaza from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Click [here](#) for more info.

**10/7:** Family Support Conference - CONNECTING! registration begins at 9:00 am (9:30 am to 2:30 pm Spokane Valley. Click [here](#) for more info.

**10/8:** Father's Network Conference - 8:15 - 4:30 in Bellevue. Click [here](#) for more info.

**10/14:** Autism All Grown Up WSU Spokane South Campus 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. Click [here](#) for more info.

**10/15:** Wings Autism/Wings for All - Saturday 9 am - Airport "rehearsals" specially designed for individuals with ID/DD. Click [here](#) for more info.

**10/17:** The Power and Gifts of ADHD Lecture with Dr. Edward Hallowell and Every Child Resource Fair. Click [here](#) for more info.

**10/21:** 6th Annual Southwest Washington Autism Conference "Treatment Across Lifespan". Friday, October 21st (9 am to 4 pm) Bethel Church in Chehalis. Registration details will be available later in the spring 2016. \$25 for parents. Click [here](#) for more info.

**10/21 - 10/22:** WASCLA Summit XI "Language Access: It's a Family Matter" in Shoreline. Examine critical issues for parents/guardians, children and youth, service providers, and communities. Click [here](#) for more info.

**10/21 - 10/22:** Transition Workshop in Tri-Cities area provided by The Center for Change in Transition Services. The parents day training will be for all those with children that are high school age or nearing high school age and will provide information about the transition to adulthood. "The goal of CCTS is to improve post-school outcomes for students with disabilities in the state." 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Each Day) Click [here](#) for more info

### ***Coming in 2017...***

**3/8 - 3/10:** General & Special Education Conference - Washington State Convention Center, Seattle. Discounted rooms available at the Sheraton Hotel at the current prevailing government rate! Click [here](#) for more info.

**5/3 - 5/5:** Infant and Early Childhood Conference - Greater Tacoma Convention Center, Tacoma, WA. Click [here](#) for more info.

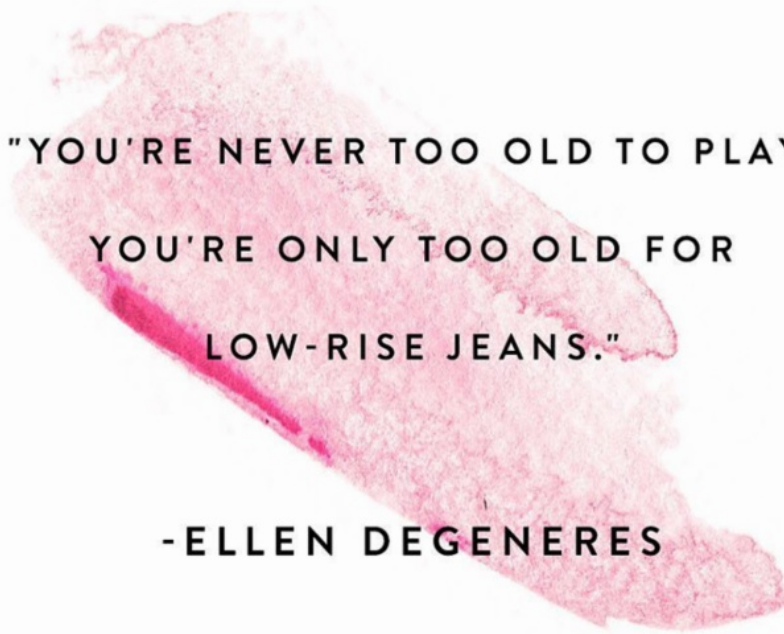
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### **New Resources**

1. [10 Colleges With Programs For ASD Students](#)
2. Click [here](#) to read a mom's blog post about taking her daughter to hear a presentation by Malala Yousafzai, a young Pakistani woman who was shot in the head by the Taliban for speaking out in support of education rights for girls in her community.
3. Are you looking for a counselor or therapist who understands the specific needs of people of color or various races? Click here for more information from [MulticulturalCounselors.org](#).
4. Interested in discussing housing issues? Click [here](#) to contact Pam Blanton at Partners4Housing.
5. [Center for Loss in Multiple Birth, Inc. \(CLIMB\)](#) - support for parents who have experienced the death of one or more after multiple births (twins, triplets or higher multiples).

6. [NEW High School Transition Adult Sibling Tool Kit](#) - Informing Families, Building Trust
7. Click [here](#) for this wonderful TEDx Talk that was recently recorded by one of P2P Moms in Colorado! Alice is a long time member of Parent to Parent of Colorado and a vocal advocate for the use of assistive technology to help people with disabilities live independent lives. Please listen to her story and share with your families!
8. [Fall Newsletter Office of the Education Ombuds \(OEO\)](#)
9. [Project SEARCH](#) internship program in Alaska over the past five years has had 32 students successfully complete the program and go on to employment. Under a partnership involving a school district, hospital and state agencies, students work as interns at a hospital and they develop social and work skills that help them get a job after graduation.
10. [DO-IT](#) (Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology) serves to increase the successful participation of individuals with disabilities in challenging academic programs and careers, such as those in science, engineering, mathematics, and technology. Primary funding for DO-IT is provided by the National Science Foundation, the State of Washington, and the U.S. Department of Education.
11. NDSC Supports the 3-bill Package of New ABLE Bills - [Governmental Affairs Newline](#) September 27, 2016
12. [Autism 208: Transition to Adulthood - Social - Sexuality Education for Young People with Autism](#)
13. [Disability and the ACA](#) - detailed strategies around disability, coverage, healthcare access, and the ACA.



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YOU'RE ONLY TOO OLD FOR  
LOW-RISE JEANS."

-ELLEN DEGENERES

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