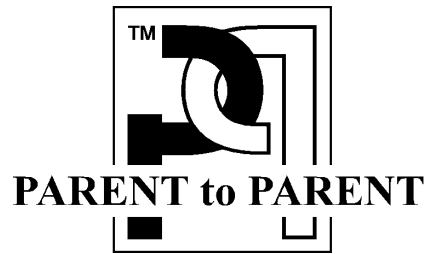


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WA State Parent to Parent (P2P) Newsletter: February 2018



Have a wonderful
Valentines Day
with those that love you
and those that you love.



Chocolate for all!
~~Susan and Jackie

**Come to Arc Advocacy
Family Support Day
February 7th 10am.**

Or give your legislators a call or email
about the importance of family support and Parent to Parent.

Let me know if you are coming in February.

King County Parent to Parent Highlighted

[RACHEL NEMHAUSER](#) (RN-All About Me), Coordinator & [PATRICIA GONZALEZ](#) (PG-All About Me), Coordinator for Latino & Spanish Speaking Families All About Me (click on blue highlighted links for more info)...

Program Supervisor [Robin Tatsuda](#):

Program Activities: Parent Support groups, Information and referral, Email support and

information groups, Parent education, family events in English, Spanish and for African American families

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SPONSORING AGENCY: The Arc of King County

Website: www.arcofkingcounty.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/arcofkingcounty/>

Calendar of Events 2018...

February

2/10-2/13: Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Annual Conference - The AMCHP 2018 Annual Conference will be held Feb.10-13, 2018, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Va., just across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. This conference brings together over 800 public health professionals and officials from across the country with an interest in maternal and child health, including children with special health care needs. For more information and to register, [visit the conference website](#) .

2/23: Best in the NW Autism Conference (Spokane)-The Autism Society of Washington will be focusing on the issue of **Transition Services and Independent Living Across the Lifespan** at our annual conference. The Best in the Northwest Autism Conference is designed to offer something for every individual, family, employer, community resources provider, first responder, and legislator.

March

3/2-3/4: Special Olympics Winter games- March 2-4 Wenatchee, 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.

April

4/8: The Museum of Flight will once again open early for Sensory Day.

- This is so children with autism and their families can enjoy the Museum for free in a sensory-sensitive environment. We will be hosting a handful of appropriate activities, and we are inviting other organizations to host a table to promote their resources to our visitors.
- The event will run from **8am to 10am on Sunday, April 8th**, and partnering organizations are welcome to keep their table up for as long as they like that day.

4/9-4/10: Join the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) in our nation's capital for the 2018 Annual Buddy Walk® on Washington and the First-Ever NDSS Adult Summit April 9-10, 2018! The National Down Syndrome Society, the leading human rights organization for all individuals with Down syndrome, is excited to announce registration is OPEN! [You can use this link to register.](#)

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.

June

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 North Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee, Washington 98801 (509) 662-4411
- More information will be available upon registration in the spring (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.

6/16-6/23: [2018 Autism Campus Inclusion \(ACI\) Leadership Academy!](#)

- The ACI summer leadership training prepares autistic students to engage in disability advocacy on their college campuses. Accepted applicants will travel to Washington, DC and participate in advocacy training from June 16th to June 23rd, 2018. Participants will acquire valuable skills in community organizing, policy formation, and activism. Travel and lodging are fully covered by ASAN.
- Applicants must identify as Autistic and be current college students with at least one year remaining before graduation. The Autistic Self Advocacy Network will cover travel and lodging costs for all ACI students. Students in TPSID programs (Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities), 2-year community colleges, 4-year colleges, and graduate school are eligible to apply. We especially encourage students of color, LGBT students, low-income students, students with intellectual disabilities, AAC users, and students from other or multiply marginalized communities to apply.
To apply, please submit a completed application by Sunday, February 25th, 2018 to Reid Caplan at rcaplan@autisticadvocacy.org.
- If you need assistance or accommodations at any stage, or have any questions about ACI, please contact Reid Caplan at rcaplan@autisticadvocacy.org.

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

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 Family Navigator's training

2/8: 'Effective Family Partnership'

<https://www.multiculturalfamilies.org/event/2017/11/30/workshop-for-professionals-effective-family-partnership/>

3/2: 'Engaging Diverse Families in Decision Making'

<https://www.multiculturalfamilies.org/event/2017/11/30/workshop-for-professionals-engaging-diverse-families-in-decision-making/>



GRANT information

[Ben's Fund Autism Grant](#) - The Ben's Fund Mission is to provide grant opportunities to families across Washington state who need financial assistance with requests related specifically to their child's autism spectrum disorder treatments. From therapies to equipment, we support our local families by easing some of the financial strain associated with autism.

Ben's Fund grants are available for up to \$1,000.00 per qualifying child, per award year.

To review eligibility and for instructions on how to apply: [click here for the Ben's Fund Application & Instruction Page](#). Please send all applications to:

FEAT of WA - Attn: Ben's Fund
14434 NE 8th St, Suite #300
Bellevue, WA 98007

Please complete one application per applying child. Applications are accepted year round and are reviewed and awarded monthly throughout the year. Only completed applications will be reviewed by the Ben's Fund Review Committee. Questions?

Contact: Mary Carlton

Phone: 425-502-6035

Email: bensfund@featwa.org

New Resources

[Sexuality and DD](#) Talking with Your Kids: Developmental Disability and Sexuality Online Courses with Katherine McLaughlin

We Understand the Challenges of Addressing Sexuality with People with Developmental Disabilities. Learn the skills you need to teach the people you care about, work with, or live with about sexuality education. We have online training, curriculum, and live workshops to help staff, educators, direct support professionals navigate the topic of sexuality.

[FLASH](#) Comprehensive sexual health education curriculum from King County-FLASH is a widely used comprehensive sexual health education curriculum developed by Public Health - Seattle & King County and designed to prevent teen pregnancy, STDs, and sexual violence. FLASH is available for elementary, middle, high school and special education classrooms.

["Weed To Know, Baby and You"](#) Birth Outcomes-Educational information available.

Informing Families:

[Preparing for your CARE Assessment..](#)

[Earned Income Tax Credit: Are You Owed A Refund?](#)

[Community Guide and Engagement Training](#)



Good friends help you to
find important things
when you have lost them...
your smile, your hope,
and your courage.

-Doe Zantamata

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