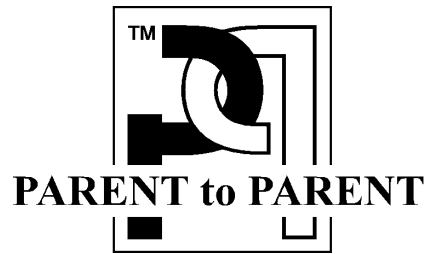


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WA State Parent to Parent (P2P) Newsletter: September 2017



WELCOME September 2017!!!

Thank you and best wishes to Brenda Tyrrell, as she moves on from the The Arc of Southwest Washington (Clark County P2P).

Welcome to the new Clark County P2P Coordinator, Bobbi Bjork. ~~Susan

P2P Coordinator Spotlight: Grays Harbor County P2P - September 2017



Charlene McCarty, Coordinator -

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[Arc of Grays Harbor Website](#) &
[Grays Harbor P2P Facebook](#)

Calendar of Events 2017...

September

9/29-10/1: PEOPLE FIRST 38TH ANNUAL CONVENTION-Yakima, WA-at the Red Lion Yakima Center. For more Information Contact: People First of Washington 1.800.758.1123 or email pfow@clarkston.com

October

10/4-10/6: [Division for Early Childhood's 33rd Annual International Conference](#) on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families in Portland, Oregon [Mountains of Opportunities-Interdisciplinary Collaboration in the New Millenium] - [Register Now](#).

4th-"Still Danciing After All These Years! Stories from the Dance Floor"

5th-"What's Working, What's Not & Where Are We Headed?"

6th-"How Do we Engage in Collaboraive Consultative Services?"

10/6-10/8: [Dads M.O.V.E.-Dads Only Training Weekend](#)-O ctober 6 @ 6:00 pm - October 8 @ 12:00 pm Are you the dad of a child with behavioral health concerns? Ghormley Meadow, 640 Lost Lake Road, Naches, WA 98937

10/12: Annual 12th Latino Health Forum at the Hilton Seattle Airport and Conference Center. This year's theme is: "Healthcare Transformation: Forging the Way to Relevant Care for Latino Communities". Keynote speaker is Gabriel Garcia, MD, Professor of Medicine at Stanford. Link for information about the day's agenda and instructions on how to register for the conference is below.

<http://www.seamar.org/latinohealthforum/>

10/13 & 14: [WASCLA Summit 2017](#)-Taking Action: Making Inclusion a Reality in beautiful Wenatchee, and get involved now with helping to create Washington's only multidisciplinary conference dedicated to language access statewide. The theme is Taking Action: Making Inclusion a Reality. Opportunities abound to get involved with planning the content, speakers, and event support. Email us at wascla.lep@gmail.com

10/27: [7th Annual Southwest Washington Autism Conference](#) -Friday, October 27th from 9-3 Centralia College - 2017 Theme: "Planning for Lifelong Success" Registration begins June 1st at lcautism.org. Questions or more information Email: conference@lcautism.org

November

11/1: [DOH Connecting Communities: A Common Vision for Middle Childhood Health and Wellness Across Generations](#)-FREE-Middle Childhood Health Summit Agenda, Invitation and Breakout Session flyer for ages 5-12 years old

[Registratation Invitation info](#)

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11/4: [Washington State Fathers Network](#) conference in Bellevue. [For more information](#) (calendar)

2018...

July

7/1-7/8: Held in Seattle 2018- [The Special Olympics USA Games](#) more information

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRAININGS



November 1, 2017 - DOH [Connecting Communities: A Common Vision for Middle Childhood Health and Wellness Across Generations](#)-FREE-Ages 5 to 12. Contact Shanne Montague at shanne.montague@doh.wa.gov for more information. Hosted at DayBreak Star and Discovery Park in Seattle, Washington
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New Resources

- [Understanding Respite Care](#) (doc)
- Informing Families - [My Life Plan Planning and Visioning](#)
- [Think College](#)-Great website for the post-secondary education for individuals with I/DD.
- [Developmentally Disabled, and Going to College](#)-New York Times article by Kyle Spencer, August 3, 2017, "Today, there are some 265 work-readiness college programs for students like the ones at InclusiveU..."
- [Microsoft Autism Hiring Event](#) October 2017: Inclusive Hiring for People with Disabilities: [Autism Program-Solving for the "front door" and onboarding experience.](#)
- Apply: msautism@microsoft.com
- From the A&E television show, Born This Way comes the [Fan Guide: Free Resources You Can Use](#). Includes information and resources on topics like, job seekers with disabilities, sex education, education resources on disability issues and ending the school to prison pipeline
- [Art Studio Helps Adults With Disabilities Turn Their Passion Into a Career](#)
- Looking for community resources for early intervention, child care, home care and recreation? Check out Seattle Children's Hospital's [County Resource Lists](#)
- [Lifespan Respite](#)

- [Respite Care](#) - from the Arc of King County
- From PAVE: [Evaluations Part 1: First Step for Special Education](#)
- [Back to School Countdown: A 4 Week Plan to Get Ready](#)

The Down syndrome Information Act (DSIA) was passed in June 2016. Some of the incredible outcomes are:

- [New Down syndrome Landing Page with DOH](#): There are added resources, including the family friendly AAP guidelines, dental care, and links to additional resources & how to order the booklet [Understanding a Down syndrome Diagnosis](#).
- [Child Health Notes \(CHN\) are updated!](#) or [visit](#): Click for link to their [DOH Facebook page](#)
- [Informing families](#) has added a section on [Down syndrome](#) to their website.
- [Family and Professional Connections: Promoting Self Advocacy at the Arc of Whatcom County](#)
- [A continued conversation with Jessika Houston, Arc of Whatcom County](#)
- [Down Syndrome State and Regional Resources](#)

Visit our [Seattle Children's website](#) to find newly updated information and resources about 504 plans, including:

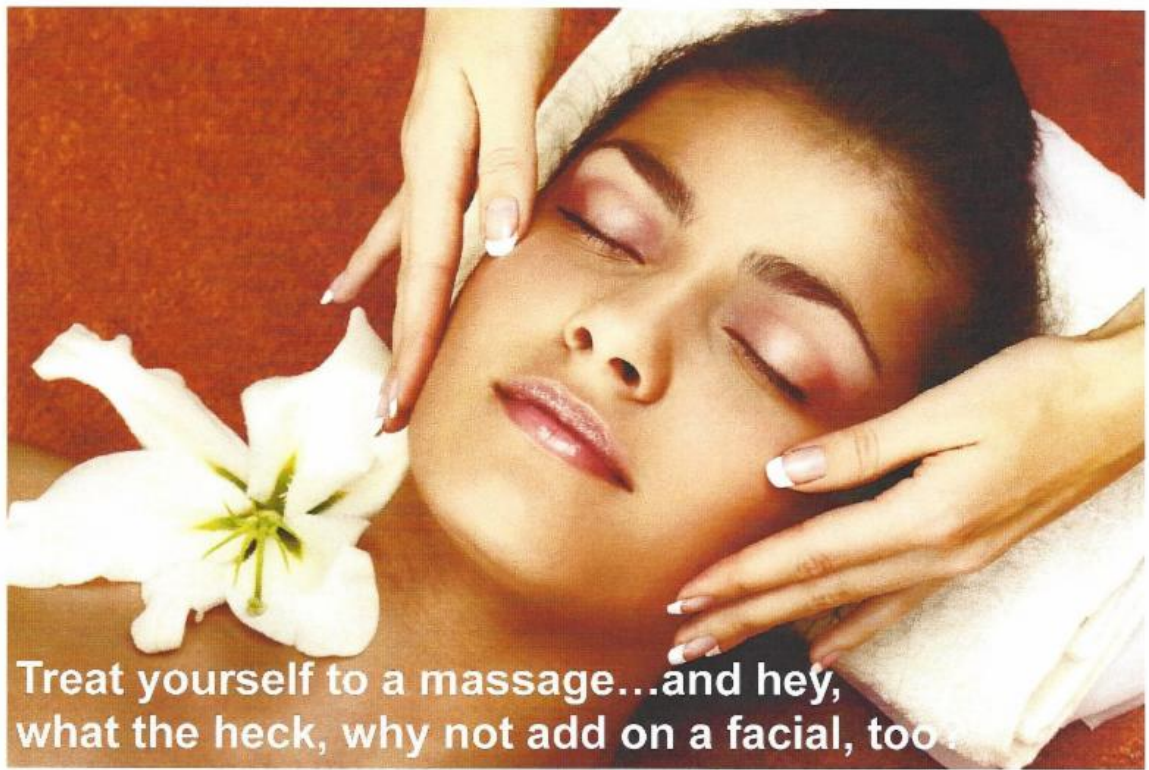
- What a 504 plan is
- How to know if your child needs one
- Diagnosis specific examples

NDSC Statement on "CBSN ON ASSIGNMENT"

We released a statement today in response to the "CBSN On Assignment" story, which broadcasted Monday, August 14.

The National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC) reacts to "CBSN On Assignment's" report about Iceland's nearly 100 percent termination rate of fetuses with Down syndrome. "There is no way to predict the future for any child, whether they have Down syndrome or not," according to NDSC Executive Director, David Tolleson. "To eliminate an entire class of people is always wrong. Throughout history, there have been those who wish to eradicate people who are different, due to race, religion, gender, socio-economic status, disability, or other issues. Eugenics is not the answer. Whether the cause is ignorance or hatred, whether it's pushed by politicians, scientists, or just accepted by everyday citizens, it's still wrong."

[Read the full statement here.](#)



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what the heck, why not add on a facial, too!

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