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

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**Welcome Gail Lampers the new Klickitat County Parent to Parent Coordinator  
~~Susan and Jackie**

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### **Walla Walla/Columbia/Garfield/Asotin Counties Parent to Parent Highlighted --- Welcome back!**

ANGIE WITT, Coordinator ([All About Me](#))

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Program Activities: Support, information, newsletter and referral provided. Helping Parent trainings once per year.

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**2018 1st Gerber Baby with Down Syndrome- Congratulations!!!**  
**Lucas Warren - [Facebook video](#)**



**Calendar of EVENTS**  
**2018...**

**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.

3/10: [DD housing conference set for March 10](#)- Save the date! [Flyer with info](#)

- Saturday, March 10, 2018
- Housing Now! A conference on housing for the the DD community
- Highline College, 2400 S. 240th Street, Building 8, Student Union Building, Des Moines, WA 98198
- 8:30 am to 4 pm - Conference session
- 4 pm to 5 pm - Networking

This one-day conference, planned in collaboration with members of the King County Board for Developmental Disabilities, is designed for families of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are looking for creative options in planning to meet the housing needs of their family member. Sessions will also be available for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

3/10: A Bi-lingual Conference for Families and Others Caring for Children; Including those with Developmental and Other Disabilities-Saturday, March 10, 2018-8:00 am - 3:00 pm (Doors open at 7:45 am) Sunnyside High School-1801 E. Edison, Sunnyside, Washington  
Information: [English flyer](#) / [Spanish flyer](#)

**April**

**Pinwheels for Prevention Month of April**-Throughout April, celebrate the lives you touch and those who have touched yours by honoring them with a pinwheel - the national symbol for the great childhoods all children deserve because our children are our future. In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the pinwheel as the new national symbol for child abuse prevention through [Pinwheels for Prevention®](#).

**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.](#)

4/19-4/20: [Inland Northwest Brain Injury Symposium](#)- Thursday, April 19, 3 to 5 pm & Friday, April 20, Noon to 7 pm at Eastern Washington University Spokane; SEWC 122; 668 North Riverpoint Blvd., Suite A, Spokane - The Inland Northwest Brain Injury Symposium facilitates real conversations, education, and advocacy for the betterment of our community and beyond. Our intention is to showcase both professional and brain injury survivor perspectives to create a holistic presentation and relative discourse of life after a brain injury. Students, professionals, caregivers, and other relevant populations are welcome. To register or to learn more, go to [www.tbipanel.org](http://www.tbipanel.org). Persons with special needs may make arrangements for accommodations by calling (509) 359-6227 at least three weeks prior to the event.

4/20: 39th Annual Duncan Seminar: Spina Bifida: Promoting Wellness and Preventing Pitfalls Friday, April 20th 8-4:30 pm at Wright Auditorium, Seattle Children's Hospital, 4800 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105  
[For more information](#), [brochure](#) or [register on line](#).

4/21: [All Born In! Conference](#) April 21, 8:30 AM - 4 PM Holiday Inn Portland Airport  
13th annual cross-disability best practices educational inclusion conference! Featuring 30+ workshops, national keynote speakers, panel discussions, entertainment, art sale, and much more...

## 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](#)  
**REMINDER - Parent scholarships available** - Family Scholarship Applicant: Must complete online or [emaildjackson@birthtothree.org](mailto:emaildjackson@birthtothree.org)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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/>

### 2018 WA Employment Learning Network (WELN)-Training Opportunities

\* Systematic Instruction and Natural Supports trainings

3/6-3/7: [Spokane Registration](#)

5/8-5/9: [Yakima Registration](#)

\* WELN Job Development and Marketing training

3/13-3/14: [Yakima Registration](#)

\* WELN Community Inclusion training

3/29-3/30: Interactive and informative [Community Inclusion](#) training funded by State of Washington Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). March 29th and March 30th, 2018 in Kennewick, WA.



## 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](mailto:bensfund@featwa.org)

## NEW RESOURCES

FREE [family navigation online training](#) for professionals ([flyer](#))

["The Birds and The Bees: Support for Teaching Human Sexuality to Individuals with Autism and Developmental Disabilities"](#) The site has free curriculum and links to other online resources.

Resource Guide: for Children with a Medical, Developmental, Mental or Behavioral Health Condition 2017

You can download [English](#)...also in [Spanish](#)...

You can request single copies from [cshcn@seattlechildrens.org](mailto:cshcn@seattlechildrens.org)

or call 206.987.3736

(Postage and handling fees may apply to bulk orders it states)

[Life after high school, ten skills to teach your child](#)

Diane Adreon, M.A. - Teaching adaptive behavior is one of the areas that are often overlooked for high-functioning individuals with autism spectrum disorders. However, adaptive behaviors have a tremendous impact on our ability to use our skills in common situations in everyday life. The following adaptive behavior skills are important if our children are going to experience success without our daily assistance. Of course, every child is different. Often it is not possible to master these skills by the end of high school. However, most of our children can improve and become more independent if we consciously work on skills in these areas.

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The best kind of people are the ones that  
come into your life, and make you see  
the sun where you once saw clouds. The

people that believe in you so much, you  
start to believe in you too.

The people that love you,  
simply for being you.

The once in a lifetime  
kind of people.



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