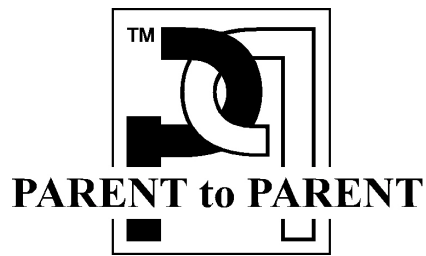


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## WA State Parent to Parent (P2P) Newsletter: February 2020

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**Arc of Washington update:**

After many years of strong and tireless advocacy on behalf of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families , Sue Elliot will retire from the Arc of Washington this March.

Stacy Dym has been announced as the next Executive Director of the Arc of Washington. Stacy brings with her a wealth of experience and a strong passion for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Welcome Stacy!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Regional Spring Trainings, hosted by Snohomish P2P, Thurston P2P and Grant/Adams P2P. More to come on dates and training topics! For our annual fall P2P Coordinator's training in September (9/17-18), we'll have workshops on Cultural Humility and Mindfulness... the planning committee is putting together an amazing 2 days for you all!

Welcome Katherine Thorn (Pierce County P2P); Carah Pless (Clallam County P2P); Angelica Delgado (Grant/Adams P2P). Goodbye Diane Porter (Jefferson County).

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](#).*

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## Calendar of EVENTS

### 2020

#### February

2/11: NW Children's Foundation offers, [Community Trauma and Child Well-Being: A Deeper Dive into the Future of Healing](#), scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th, at the Washington State Convention Center and via Webstream.

#### 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](mailto: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.

#### 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



## 2020 Advocacy Day Schedule ([Advocacy brochure](#))

- 2/5 Self-Advocacy/Employment
- 2/12 Families in Crisis
- 2/19 Caseload Forecast DD Services
- 2/26 Budget Overview
- 3/4 Workforce Shortage

## RESOURCES

### 1. 2020 Census

Why is the 2020 Census important?

An accurate census will drive decisions that will affect economic investments in communities in Washington and the weight of its political influence until 2031. For every 100 households missed in the 2020 Census count, the state could lose up to \$5.8 million, which would affect the ability to support children, veterans, senior citizens and middle- and low-income families adequately. An accurate count of Washington's communities will ensure the fair distribution of taxpayers' funds and political representation.

Learn more: <https://www.ofm.wa.gov/washington-data-research/population-demographics/decennial-census/2020-census-everyone-counts/2020-census-what-you-need-know>

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2. [Fostering Well Being](#) - Promoting Healthy Lives for Children in Out-of-Home Care  
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3. [Informing Families Winter Issue](#) - The Connect Effect (with P2P Article)  
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### 4. Lifespan Respite Washington

Offers grants or vouchers, up to \$1,000 per household. Priority will be given to eligible families who have not previously received a voucher and those providing care to people who may have a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), have a child that is eligible but not receiving services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration\*(DDA) and those providing care to adults with other issues living on the eastside or westside of the state. To [see eligibility for a grant](#) and [to apply](#).

[Lifespan Respite WA offers grants up to \\$1,000 for eligible families statewide.](#)  
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5. As we enjoy the start of a new year, [Camp Korey](#) is especially appreciative of the great men and women who support our campers and our camp. It is because of the outstanding physicians, nurses, employees, volunteers and hospital leadership that we are able to provide the best possible experience to our families each and every day.

At Camp Korey, we are driven by our purpose to improve the quality of life for every person who comes through our doors and elevate the communities we touch. Our reputation for medical excellence and safety would not be possible without your sincere commitment to the health and wellbeing of everyone we serve. [Medical Staff Information flyer](#)

Please feel free to pass this information along to any friends, neighbors, or colleagues who might be interested in connecting with Camp Korey further!

6. At [Partners4Housing](#), we help you create a housing plan that meets your loved one's unique needs. Success begins with asking three critical questions:

1. What do they need to live independently from our family?
2. Who will they live with?
3. How will we afford it?

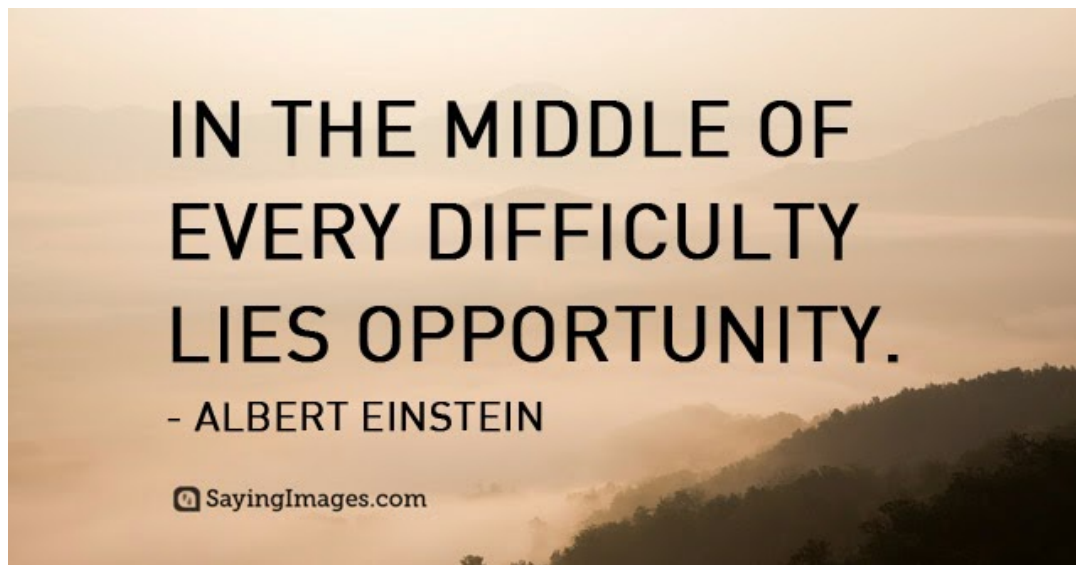
Our Residential Assessment is a valuable first step. It provides you with important questions to consider as you begin exploring housing options. It's used to identify gaps in your family member's benefits and services and is the first step to joining our Exclusive Online Roommate Matching Pool. [Contact us for information](#) about how we can help you get started.

7. Launch of the Youth in Transition survey, will go live on March 2nd, 2020. It is our continued grassroots effort to get a survey into the hands of every youth with disabilities in transition all across Washington state.

The survey will be live for 90 days. Two versions of the survey will be launched: One geared toward youth in transition, and the other for their allies.

We appreciate your continued support. Please share the attached flyer with your consumers and networks. The flyer is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Please reach out with questions.

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