



**Our Purpose:** *To provide information and resources for children & adults with different abilities living in Kitsap County.*

**Hello to Everyone!**

June is here (85 degrees one day!), for some of us our children will be out of school and home with us, others of us will be going on vacation, however you spend your time I wish you all a wonderful Summer!

We have a number of fun events posted in this newsletter, plus some informational updates about the reality of how Medicaid helps our loved ones in the developmental disabilities community. Remember, advocacy works when we work at it, if you ever have questions about how to contact your legislator, please let me know.

Our next Parent Coalition meeting is Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, at the OESD #114, 11 AM to 1 PM, lunch served (flyer below), and our annual Parent Coalition picnic will be at the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium (free)! In August--more info at a later date. I am also currently looking for parents interested in being on the KCPC Parent Advisory Board, more info below.

Take care, and keep in touch, I hope to see you all soon!

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**A big Shout Out to the Dads and Father Figures in our lives!**



## **Kitsap County Parent Coalition**



### **Kitsap County Parent Coalition Parent Support Meeting**

--A support meeting for parents and family members of persons with disabilities, very informal, with a different topic or speaker each month. **Light luncheon provided**, please RSVP if possible.

**Where:** Olympic Educational Service District (OESD) #114  
105 National Ave. N., Bremerton, WA 98312

**When:** Thursday, July 13th, 2017

**Time:** 11 AM to 1 PM

**Topic:** TBD

**Contact:** Melissa Lund, [mlund@wa.easterseals.com](mailto:mlund@wa.easterseals.com)  
360-373-2502, ext.100

## **Community Meetings/Events**

### **Kitsap Accessible Family Events @ The Movies**

--Lights dimmed, sound turned down, usual movie restrictions are not enforced.

**When:** Saturday, June 17, 2017 **Movie:** Cars 3

**Where:** SEEFilm Theater, 655 4<sup>th</sup> St., Bremerton, 98337

**Time:** Doors open at 9:30 AM, movie starts at 10 AM

**Questions:** [sensoryfriendlyevent@gmail.com](mailto:sensoryfriendlyevent@gmail.com) or 360-990-7001

### **Arc Parent Caregivers of Adult Children w/DD Meeting**

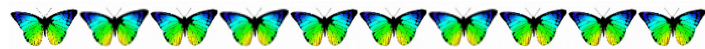
--Support for caring for an adult child with disabilities.

**When:** Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Where:** The Arc of Kitsap & Jefferson County, 3243 Perry Ave., Bremerton, 98310

**Time:** 11 AM to 1 PM, lunch provided.

**Contact and RSVP:** Amanda Smith, P2P Coordinator [asmith@arckj.org](mailto:asmith@arckj.org)



### **Our Goal:**

To get parents & families connected with the appropriate resources and services available in our community, and offer opportunities for networking, training, and education.



## **Developmental Disabilities Administration Meet & Greet**

*--Join clients, families, community providers, and DDA staff to make connections and understand support services.*

**When:** June 20, 2017

**Where:** The Arc of Kitsap & Jefferson Counties

**Time:** 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**Contact:** Kelly Townsend, 360-475-3528



## **So All May Play Date—Evergreen Rotary Park**

*--Join everyone to build public awareness of the benefits of integrated play, and help foster community inclusion! Various social service vendors will have activity booths.*

**When:** June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Where:** Evergreen Rotary Park  
1500 Park Ave., Bremerton, WA

**Time:** 10 AM to 1 PM

**Contact:** Bremerton Parks & Recreation, 360-473-5425



## **Exceptional Family Member Program--(EFMP Military)**

*--2017 Special Events are hosted by Fleet & Family Support Center-EFMP in partnership with MWR.*

**What:** Family Picnic, games, bouncy ship, potluck

**When:** June 28, 2017

**Where:** Camp McKean

**Time:** 11 AM to 2 PM

**Info:** 360-396-4115, [www.navylifepnw.com](http://www.navylifepnw.com)



# **Announcements/Info**

## **KCPC Advisory Board**

--We are looking for parents interested in charting the course for our Kitsap County Parent Coalition and advising on such things as meeting topics, legislative issues, & current local needs of families in the DD community, etc.

**Contact:**Melissa Lund, KCPC Coordinator, [mlund@wa.easterseals.com](mailto:mlund@wa.easterseals.com)



## **SK Special Olympics/Summer 2017**

**First practice:**Starts June 20 at 5:30 PM

Everyone meet at Jackson/Lund Park for team Assignment.

**Softball Practice:**Every Tues. & Thurs.—5:30 to 7:30 PM Regional Softball

Tournament: Sat., July 29 at LBA Park, Olympia

**Golf Practice (Starts June 22):**Every Thursday—5:15 to 7:15 PM at Village Green Golf Course w/Coach Chris 360-895-0702

**State Summer Games (Softball & Golf):**Aug. 18 to 20 in Everett

**Awards Potluck:**Thurs., Aug. 17 at Jackson/Lund Park

**Contacts:** Mike or Wanda Smith 360-876-3776 or 360-443-9965

Kathy Zimmer 360-871-6367



## **ABLE Accounts**

**Coming Soon!** WA State will launch its Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) program this summer!

-- The **ABLE** program provides tax-advantaged savings accounts for individuals & their families to save for qualified disability expenses without losing federal and state benefits.



**Autism Workshop Info Websites**—(At the May workshop these websites were referred to families as good information sites).

--**www.dimagine.com**—David Pitonyak (Consultant for people with Challenging behaviors).

--**www.aaspire.com**—Healthcare questionnaire for people w/Autism, other.

---**SSI Personal Achievement to Self-Sufficiency (Pass)Plan,**

[www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/pass](http://www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/pass)-Helps person on SSI who is working put their money in a plan rather than pay back SSI.



# **Legislative Updates**

## **The Future of Medicaid is In Your Hands!!!**

### **For your information:**

--Medicaid is an important partnership of the federal government and the states. Federal Medicaid funding enables our limited state funds to go farther and serve more low-income and disabled citizens.

--Medicaid Touches All Our Lives. People with developmental disabilities make up a part of the Medicaid population. Apple Health is Medicaid funded. Any DDA client receiving services is receiving Medicaid funding.

### **--Services WA State Residents could Lose:**

~Necessary assistance with personal care such as help eating, bathing, and taking medicine.

~Vital community residential options that prevent homelessness and institutionalization.

~Crisis intervention and behavioral support services that avoid expensive emergency room treatment.

~Caregiver respite services that enable families to continue supporting loved ones.

### **Medicaid-Related Links:**

“Umbrella” Flyer showing supports people receive from Medicaid:

<http://informingfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Medicaid-Umbrella.pdf>

National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP), “What the American Health Care Act Means for States: A Side-By-Side-Comparison”:

[www.nashp.org/what-the-american-health-care-act-means-for-states/](http://www.nashp.org/what-the-american-health-care-act-means-for-states/)

### **~CONTACT YOUR CONGRESS PERSONS!~**

Contact info at: [www.kitsapcountyparentcoalition.com](http://www.kitsapcountyparentcoalition.com)





## **Community Links/Individuals & Families:**

--Summer Camps for Children w/disabilities Info: [www.cshcn.org/resources-contacts/summer-camp-directory](http://www.cshcn.org/resources-contacts/summer-camp-directory) -or-  
[www.seattlechildrens.org/pdf/summer-camps-for-children-with-autism](http://www.seattlechildrens.org/pdf/summer-camps-for-children-with-autism)

--West Sound Technical Skills Center (Has openings for individuals with Developmental Disabilities): [www.westsoundtech.com](http://www.westsoundtech.com)

--Developmental Disabilities Endowment Trust Fund (Save money for loved one with disabilities while protecting the public benefits, like SSI, that they are entitled to receive).  
[www.detf.wa.gov](http://www.detf.wa.gov)

### **Kinship Care Websites:**

--DSHS [www.dshs.wa.gov/kinshipcare/index.shtml](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/kinshipcare/index.shtml)

--Generations United [www.gu.org](http://www.gu.org)

--Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)—Navy  
[www.navylifepnw.com](http://www.navylifepnw.com), Liaison Navy Region NW—Nancy Ashton,  
[nancy.ashton.ctr@navy.mil](mailto:nancy.ashton.ctr@navy.mil)

--Kitsap County Parent Coalition Website:  
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**~Have a Jubilant June! See You Soon!~**

