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January-February 2017

DISABILITY FORUM

The Washington State Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE) in December held a Town Hall Forum and Leadership Breakfast in Port Angeles. These meetings were open to the public and the purpose was to discuss issues important to persons with disabilities such as: transportation, employment opportunities, health care, and affordable housing. GCDE was also interested in learning about local success stories and efforts being made in our community to improve accessibility and expand services for the disability community. The GCDE's purpose is to promote equality, opportunity, independence and full participation in life for people with disabilities. Their members represent a wide range of constituent groups, geographical perspectives, ethnic origins and cultural heritage.

The meetings for were very informative as the community and its leaders had the opportunity to share both our successes as well as our on-going needs. Numerous discussions were begun and hopefully will be continued in the coming weeks and months as we as community strive to improve accessibility and opportunity for all citizens regardless of their needs.

The GCDE will be providing a summary report of these meetings in the coming months and we hope to be able to share more about the on-going discussions that will be taking place.



For more information on the GCDE and what they are doing, go to:
www.esd.wa.gov/newsandinformation/legresources/gcde/

Happy
New Year!

2017
2016

Happy
Valentines
Day



Knowledge
is power.
Information
is liberating.
Education
is the
premise of
progress,
in every
society,
in every
family.

- Kofi Annan

We Are Moving!

At the end of January, Clallam County Health & Human Services Developmental Disabilities will be moving to the upper floor of the Third Street Professional Building at 111 E. 3rd Street, Port Angeles. Main access is through the stairwell on the 3rd Street entrance. There will be wheelchair access at the rear of the building via the alley between 2nd and 3rd streets.

Exact date—TBD

Get out and enjoy the National Parks!



To get your annual pass, go to the Visitors Center at 600 E. Park Avenue, Port Angeles.

Or you can obtain it by calling the USGS at (888-275-8747, option 3), or go to: <http://store.usgs.gov/pass>

WHERE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT REPRESENT THEM MEET WITH LEGISLATORS TO DISCUSS ISSUES CRITICAL TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.



Washington State Community of People with Disabilities

Invites you to attend the 36th Annual

Disabilities Legislative Reception

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Columbia Room of the Legislative Building (State Capitol)

Hosted by:

Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE), Arc of Washington State, Washington State Rehabilitation Council (WSRC), State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind, Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL) and Washington State Independent Living Council (WASILC).

Questions about the reception? Contact: Emily Rogers at emily.rogers@ddc.wa.gov

To request travel stipends contact Katie Story by December 31, 2016, 206-542-6644 ext. 149 or katie@parkviewservices.org

For reasonable accommodations & interpreters contact Debbie Himes by December 31, 2016, 360-902-9362 or dhimes@esd.wa.gov

Directions:

<http://leg.wa.gov/legislature/pages/parking.asp>
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Upcoming Courthouse

Closures:

New Year's Day Holiday—January 2nd

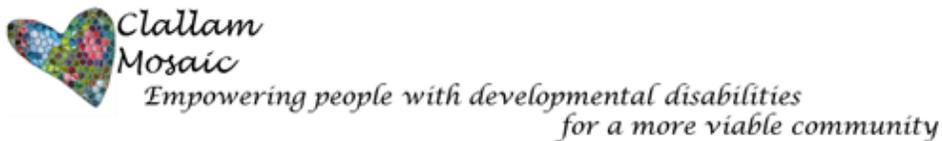
Martin Luther King Jr. Day—January 16th

President's Day—February 20th

DON'T FORGET

- **DDAC Meetings** — January 5th & March 2nd, 2017, 5:30-7:30pm at Clallam County Board of Commissioners room, Clallam County Courthouse, Port Angeles.
- **BLAC Meeting**—“Business Leadership Advisory Committee”, a subcommittee of the DDAC, meeting dates are listed at: www.clallam.net/HHS/HumanServices/blac
- **Clallam County Commissioners Meeting**—Every Tuesday at 10:00am in the Clallam County Board of Commissioners room, Clallam County Courthouse, Port Angeles
- **Sequim School Board Meetings**—Every First and Third Monday of each month at 6:30pm. For current listing go to: www.sequimschools.wednet.edu
- **Port Angeles School Board Meetings**—Every First and Fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. For current listing go to: www.portangelesschools.org/administration/school_board/school_board_meeting_schedule/
- **Crescent School Board Meetings** - Fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. For current listing go to: www.crescentschooldistrict.org/school_board/board_meetings/
- **Quillayute Valley School Board Meetings**—Every Second and Fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm. For current listing go to: www.qvschools.org/pages/Quillayute_Valley_SD_402
- **Cape Flattery School Board Meetings** — For current listing go to: www.capeflattery.wednet.edu/board-agendas

EVENTS	HOLIDAYS: January 1st, 2017—New Year’s Day January 16th, 2017—Martin Luther King Dr. Day February 20th—Presidents Day		
	Chinese New Year—January 28th	Groundhog Day—February 2nd	
	2017 Hiring & Resource Event Wednesday, March 22, 2017 Vern Burton Memorial Community Center, Port Angeles—10am to 1pm <i>Jobs, Resources, Workshops and more!</i>		



UPDATE

The beginning of a new year is often a time to reflect and rejoice. Here at Clallam Mosaic, we have seen an amazing number of changes over the past few years – we think many are for the better! Thanks to all of you who continue to utilize our services, to those who provide input to continually improve our organization and to those who support us by volunteering (giving much needed supplies and/or funding programs). Our growing “Mosaic Family” is truly a mosaic that is working hard to enrich, encourage and empower individuals with developmental disabilities, and, in so doing, building a stronger community right here in Clallam County!

As we look ahead to 2017, there are many exciting things to look forward to:

- Because of a recent grant from the Beta Nu Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, we are finally going to be able to offer our Literacy for Non-Readers pilot class. This class will only have 7 to 8 participants – every one of whom will go through a pre-screening interview. The class will be offered completely free of charge and will require a 30- to 35-week commitment.
- As many of you are aware, we have recently launched a chapter of Parent to Parent (P2P) in Clallam County. In 2017, we are going to consolidate all of our parent & caregiver support activities into the P2P chapter. We are going to phase out the PoM & PCN email addresses (we will first ask members of these groups if they would like to be transitioned to the P2P email distribution list). This should lead to a lot less confusion as we move to better supporting families with special needs in our community. We have also “refurbished” our website so you can find out all about the P2P happenings by going to www.clallamosaic.org/p2p. Some exciting things to look forward to with P2P include:
 - * Monthly coffee chats – an informal gathering of parents & caregivers at the New Day Eatery, from 9 am to 10:30 am on the second Monday of the month. The upcoming 3 meeting dates are: January 9, February 13 & March 13.
 - * SpEd clinics – a one on one meeting with a local expert in special education law, IEPs and advocacy. There will be 3 hours per month of clinic time which will be scheduled on Saturdays (dates to be determined) based on need. If families would like to schedule time at a SpEd clinic, they should get in touch with P2P Coordinator, Shawnda Hicks at shawnda.mosaic@gmail.com or 360.406.1215.
- Also, Clallam Mosaic has recently been granted DSHS’ Community Guide & Engagement Services and Peer Mentoring Services contracts. These “services are designed to develop creative, flexible, and supportive community resources for individuals with developmental disabilities to increase a waiver participant’s access to informal community supports.” The service needs are identified by an individual’s DDA case worker and then contracted providers can be brought in to help with delivery. If you know of someone who needs to get more engaged in integrated community activities and needs support doing so, please get in touch with DDA to start the conversation. Because of our contracts, Clallam Mosaic may be able to help get the interested individual more out and about in the community!
- Classes for the Winter Session will run from January 2nd through March 16th with no classes on January 16th (MLK Day) or February 20th (President’s Day). This year we are able to offer some amazing, art, theater and life skills classes due to the generous donations by the following individuals at our October Gala: Sarah Dutrow, Barbara Johnson, Marlene Kadel, Terri Kirsch, Giles Mougel & Jeannette Mougel Fujita, John Mulloy, Frances Rice, Tom & Jacque Schaafsma, Eric & Dena Schneider, Melody Schneider, David Staus, Tresa Stuber, George & Jolie Will. Also, a big thank you to John Burkheimer who recently donated funds in order to buy better chairs and tables for our participants to use in class!

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- Dances for 2017 are scheduled for Saturdays from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Sons of Norway's Scandia Hall (131 W. 5th St., Port Angeles). Dance dates are: January 14, March 11, April 8, May 20, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 16, October 14, November 11, December 9. Thanks to a generous donation from Peggy Romaro via Thrivent Choice, we are able to offer a Taco Bar at all of our dances without increasing participant costs!
- Finally, an exciting event that Clallam Mosaic is partnering on is the Night to Shine Prom (NTS). This exciting opportunity is happening because of a grant from the Tim Tebow Foundation and because of a partnership between Hillcrest Baptist Church, The Crossing Church, Camp Beausite & Clallam Mosaic. Clallam County is one of 350 locations all over the world hosting this event on the very same day (for more information about NTS check out www.timtebowfoundation.org/index.php/stand-with-night-to-shine/). The prom will happen on Friday, February 10, 2017 from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Red Lion Hotel in Port Angeles. Registration is limited and is on a first come-first serve basis. Registration materials are available on Clallam Mosaic's website (www.clallammosaic.org/classes) or through one of the NTS partners. Also, if you are interested in volunteering for this event, donating prom attire or direct dollars, please contact us at 360.681.8642 or 360.457.7409.

We are looking forward to an amazing 2017 as we continue to grow our services and programs. If you have ideas for improving our activities, for increasing our impact or for anything else, please get in touch with us at info@clallammosaic.org.

SAVE THE DATE! The 2017 Community Summit in Wenatchee will be June 13th—15th, 2017.
For registration info, check back in the March-April 2017 newsletter.

**We are looking for diverse members to serve on
the Developmental Disabilities Advisory
Committee**

*If you are interested, please contact Tim Bruce at (360) 417-2428 or
tbruce@co.clallam.wa.us*

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