

Clallam Connection

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January-February 2018

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OLYMPIA?



Do you know what the Washington State Legislature is working on? Will it impact your life or the life of someone you know?

The Arc of Washington State can help you learn about being an advocate and how you can be involved.

Upcoming Advocacy Day Events:

- January 31st—Self Advocacy and Disability Pride
- February 7th—Family Services
- February 14th—Disability Protections
- February 21st—Employment Day & Rally
- February 28th—Budget Overview
- March 7th—Take Notes!

More detailed information about what is happening this legislative session can be found at the **2018 Legislative Notebook** at: http://arcwa.org/index.php/takeaction/washingtonstate/issue_papers/2018_legislative_notebook/



Go to: www.arcwa.org for more information



Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of victory.

-George S. Patton



UPDATE

Welcome to 2018, it is destined to be a happy year for all of us who are involved with Special Olympics.

Our program is looking forward to enjoying the National Games that will be held in Seattle over the first week of July. All are welcome to volunteer at what will be a memorable event. The link to register is <https://www.specialolympicsusagames.org/volunteer/>.

As for the Clallam County Orcas, we finished up our fall season by sending two athletes, Michael Rief and Heather Mehl to the Fall Games. They competed at the state level as a bowling partnership and earned bronze medals. We are so happy for them. We had several other athletes earn gold at the regional level and many other medals and ribbons were awarded as we had 50 athletes participate in that tournament in early November. We are very thankful to Laurel Lanes and Vern Elkhart for his ongoing and longtime support of our program.

Our basketball season has now begun and is in full swing. We are looking forward to taking three teams and a few athletes who participate in individual skills, to the area tournament which will be held in Bremerton on January 27th. We are also beginning a healthy athletes program during this season, which will encourage all of us to exercise, eat good foods and drink more water!

Athlete leadership is an important component of participating in any sport. There are many ways in which athletes can be leaders and we are trying to encourage them all to find and expand their talents. We have athletes who serve on boards, who are captains of teams, who give encouragement to other team mates, who give speeches, who take a lead in fundraising efforts, who are models of good sportsmanship and who fill many other important roles. In the next few months we will be offering seminars for our athletes to help them develop their leadership skills.

Also looking forward, we will be having our 2nd annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser in March. Please contact Wendy at 360-477-4134 or at ClallamCountyOrcas@gmail.com if you have items you are willing to donate for auction or if you have a desire to be involved in any way.

WE WANT YOU!



The DDAC has positions open for diverse members with knowledge of and interest in services for people with developmental disabilities to serve on the **Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee.**

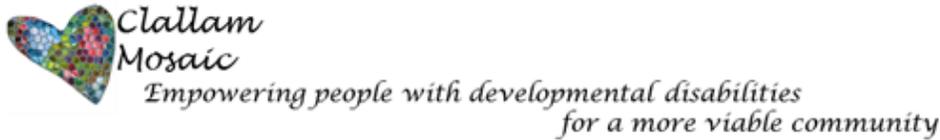
If you are interested in joining, please contact Tim Bruce at (360) 417-2428 or tbruce@co.clallam.wa.us

DON'T FORGET

- **DDAC Meetings** — January 4th, 5:30-7:30pm, Clallam County Commissioners Room, Clallam County Courthouse, Port Angeles. March 1st, 5:30-7:30pm, Clallam County Commissioners Room, Clallam County Courthouse, Port Angeles.
- **BLAC Meeting**—“Business Leadership Advisory Committee”, a subcommittee of the DDAC, Tuesday, February 13th, 11am-12pm at Home Depot, Sequim. 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

<p>Upcoming Courthouse Closures</p>	<p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day—January 15th</p> <p>President’s Day—February 19th</p>
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UPDATE

The past year has been an amazing period of growth and success for Clallam Mosaic! We were able to deliver over 830 service hours in day programs, dances, social, service and recreational opportunities to individuals with developmental disabilities. We provided over 300 hours of one-on-one client focused services and over 500 hours of family support activities. All of this was possible because of support from funders, donors, sponsors, volunteers and participants. So we would like to start 2018 with a shout-out to some key folks:

◇ To the funders who believed in Clallam Mosaic’s mission & vision and supported us with dollars that insured we were able to continue our work:

- Arc of Washington: parent-to-parent support
- Albert Haller Foundation: day program and parent-to-parent program support
- Ben & Myrtle Walkling Memorial Trust: healthy living program support
- Benjamin N. Phillips Memorial Fund: day program support
- Beta Nu: literacy and life skills program support
- City of Port Angeles: summer programs and monthly dance support
- Clallam County Health & Human Services: parent-to-parent support
- Crow Foundation: general program support
- Developmental Disabilities Administration: community guide & engagement support
- Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church: general program support
- Knights of Columbus: general program support
- Peninsula Dream Machine: general program support
- Strides USA: general program support
- Thrivent Financial: day program and monthly dance support
- United Way of Clallam County: day program and parent-to-parent program support
- Walmart Foundation: fitness program support

◇ To the generosity of individual donors:

Charles & Jacque Brandt	Kurt & Sheryl Bruch	John Burkheimer
Dennis & Barbara Clawson	Allen Coleman	Michael & Patsene Dashiell
Mary Jane Duncan	Jay Jayadev	Shawn & Shelley Langston
Dave, Jean & Mark Luebbert	John & Lisa Petrisin	Tom & Missy Rief
Tom & Jacque Schaafsma	Eric & Dena Schneider	Peggy Thompson
Sandy Voelz		

If you would like to join our list of major donors for 2018, please contact us at info@clallamosaic.org.

◇ To key volunteers, who showed up and dedicated hours and hours to improving Mosaic’s programs:

Rachel Anderson	Lori Cates	Susan Fahrenholtz
Dorine Hunter	Barbara Lippert	Jen Mackey
Catherine McKinney	Riley O’Neil	Ursula Schletter
April Watkins	Merry Winch	Seth Wonderly

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Looking ahead to 2018, we have an amazing year in store for participants and families. We are working on making a January 17th Advocacy Days trip to Olympia a reality. State Representative Mike Chapman extended this invitation to Mosaic during our annual gala and we would like to thank him for encouraging us to do more in advocating for individuals within our community!

Winter term of day programs started on January 2nd and will run through March 29th. For more information about the programs and to register go to www.clallammosaic.org/classes. Parent-to-Parent continues to host numerous activities. An informational session with the Education Ombuds is scheduled for January 26th (3 pm @ Lincoln Center in PA). Mom's/Dad's Nights Out are scheduled for January & February and Coffee Chats will resume soon. Keep your eyes on www.clallammosaic.org/P2P to stay up to date on all upcoming P2P seminars, gatherings and support activities.

There is a lot going on in the Mosaic-universe! We look forward to having you come participate.... In the meantime, if you have any questions, concerns or ideas, do not hesitate to contact us at info@clallammosaic.org, 360.681.8642.

Your Family Member May be Eligible to Receive Federal Benefits in Addition to SSI and Medicaid



Social Security

Does your family member have a parent that is receiving Social Security Retirement benefits, Social Security Disability benefits, or is deceased? OR...

Has your family member ever had employment in which taxes were paid? OR...

Is/was your family member married to an individual that received Social Security Retirement benefits, Social Security Disability benefits or is deceased?



Federal Employment Survivor (Office of Personnel Management)

Does your family member have a parent that is a retired federal employee? OR...

Does your family member have a parent that had federal employment and is deceased?



U.S. Railroad Survivor

Does your family member have a parent that is a retired Railroad worker or worked for the Railroad for more than ten years? If yes, has the worker filed for Medicare or is deceased?



Veteran's Administration (Helpless Child, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation for Survivor or Pension for Survivor Benefits)

Does your family member have a parent that served in the Armed Forces?

If yes...

Did they retire from military service? OR...

Were they discharged due to a service connected disability? OR...

Did they serve at least one day during a wartime period? OR...

Are they enrolled in Tricare or Champ/VA?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, your family member may be eligible for monetary or medical benefits in addition to SSI and Medicaid.

Questions? Email Kristina Bachman (kristkm@dshs.wa.gov) or Jennifer Gill (gilljv@dshs.wa.gov), or call 360-829-4934.

For links to applications and resources, visit: www.informingfamilies.org/federal

UPCOMING TRAINING



EDUCATION OMBUDS WORKSHOP: IEPS & TRANSPARENCY

Washington State Office of the Education Ombuds helps to advance educational equity in numerous ways. The Ombuds team is coming to Port Angeles to facilitate a workshop on Individual Education Plans. All aspects of IEPs will be covered in this discussion: communication between parents and school districts, how to effectively work as a team, how to facilitate transparency and more. Whether you are a parent or an educator, this workshop could add tremendous value to your student's education.

Coffee & refreshments will be provided.



January 26, 2018

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Lincoln Center

905 West 9th St.
Port Angeles

Contact for more
information:

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CLALLAM COUNTY

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION

CONTINUING EDUCATION

TRAINING



DDA Developmental
Disabilities Administration

January 26th, 2018

Class 1: 9 AM to 4 PM - 6 CEUs

Class 2: 6 PM to 8 PM

Supporting Persons on the Autism Spectrum

Supporting individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder can require unique and individualized supports. This course will provide an introduction to the diagnostic criteria based on the DSM-5 edition and explore how we can provide the best support possible for individuals living with Autism. It will look at specific strategies for supporting the individuals as well as the care providers.

Dr. Edward Fischer has worked 15 years with individuals with developmental disabilities and Autism. He works for the Developmental Disabilities Administration in Region 3 with the Regional Clinical Team. He is also associate faculty at two universities where he teaches clinical and forensic psychology and serves as dissertation chair and committee member.



Presenter: Dr. Edward Fischer

Options for Registration:

Online: goo.gl/pt1HQ6

Go to the above listed webpage or scan the QR below and complete the online registration.

Email: miranda.lindsey@quileutenation.org

Please put "Training Registration" in the email subject line and include your name, phone number, and the class you wish to attend (Class 1: 6 hours OR Class 2: 2 hours) in the message.

Phone: (360) 374-5865

Call the number listed above. Leave a message with your name, contact number, and the class you wish to attend.

Form: 8 By-Yak Way, La Push WA

Complete a registration form and return it to the Quileute Child Care Building at the above address.

Fax: 360-374-5066

Fax a completed registration form to the above number. Attn: Miranda Lindsey



Friday, January 26th, 2018
[Ki'tla Center, 100 La Push Rd, Forks WA](#)

Class 1: Continuing Education Course – 6 CEUs

Time: 9 AM to 4 PM with an hour for lunch

Who: Professionals who are interested in learning more about what autism is, how to recognize early signs, and what we can do to support children and their families when concerns arise.

Class 2: Family and Friends Course – 2 hours

Time: 6 PM to 8 PM

Who: Family and friends who are interested in learning basic information about autism, what to do if you suspect a child has autism, and solutions for challenging behaviors.

Link to register: goo.gl/pt1HQ6

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