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DDA ELIGIBILITY WASHINGTON STATE

Although it's true that Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) waiver programs are not an entitlement, it's a MYTH that there are no openings.

In fact, all DDA Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver programs are enrolling eligible DDA clients.

The Who What & How of Waiver Enrollment

DDA has five HCBS waiver programs: Individual Family Services,

Basic Plus, Core, CIIBS and Community Protection Waivers. Each waiver



program is designed to serve a specific group of individuals, based on their

assessed need. Waivers offer a variety of community-based services.

They are called waivers because individuals waive a federal rule that provides services in an institutional setting (such as Residential Habilitation Centers).

If your family member is a client of DDA, they (or you, as a legal representative) can request a waiver program at *any* time.

Learn more:

informingfamilies.org/dda-waivers

ABLE PLAN HELPS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES SAVE & REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS

The state's Department of Commerce encourages those with disabilities and their families to start the New Year by opening a tax-advantaged Washington ABLE Savings Plan. The plan, which launched last

summer in Washington, is part of a larger federal program that allows individuals with disabilities and their families to save for their everyday needs without losing their state or federal benefits. Qualified

expenses include everything from employment and training support to housing, transportation, and assistive technology.

Learn more:

washingtonstateable.com



NIGHT *to* Shine

SPONSORED BY THE



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Friday, February 8, 2019
From 6 to 9 pm

Hosted By
Hillcrest Baptist Church
The Crossing Church

With Community Partners
Clallam Mosaic, Camp Beausite
& Wilderness Escapes



**A PROM NIGHT FOR PEOPLE WITH
SPECIAL NEEDS AGES 14+**



at the
Vern Burton
Community Center
308 E 4th Street, Port Angeles

For Guest Registration
or to Volunteer, Visit
www.clallamnighttoshine.org



We can't wait to see you
enjoy the Royal Treatment,
walk the Red Carpet and
dance the night away.

Have Questions:
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Puppy Pilots Club



Deb Cox, Puppy Pilots Club Leader

“Our club, Puppy Pilots, represents Guide Dogs for the Blind (www.guidedogs.com) an international provider of skilled guide dogs to sight-impaired people free of cost. Guide Dogs for the Blind is head-

Deb Cox Puppy Pilots Club Leader

quartered in San Rafael, CA. We are one of 20 clubs in Washington State. We are a guide dog puppy-raising club and our mission is to raise puppies to prepare them for further formal training.

Our website is www.puppypilots.org, which has our meeting schedule on it, as well as photos and histories of our pups in training. We started as a club in August of 2007.

Our Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/PuppyPilots?ref=hl>

I started with the club in 2007 and am currently co-raising puppy #11, Julius, who is 13 months old.”

There have been recent changes to the Service Animal regulations that went into effect Jan. 1, 2019. Please feel free to print and/or share this information with folks in your agencies and organizations:

<https://www.washingtonlawhelp.org/resource/change-in-washington-law-about-service-animals-starting-january-1-2019?ref=00ogY>

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Empowering people with special needs.

Clallam Connection Submission: January 4, 2019

Happy 2019! Clallam Mosaic has had an amazing 2018 and we are looking forward to a terrific year ahead.

Winter Term 2019 will run from January 7 through March 29. Classes will be held Monday through Friday with Tuesday classes in Sequim and all other classes in Port Angeles. Some notes about the upcoming session:

- Following the fall hiatus, Theater is back in the schedule with Bonne Smith & April Watkins teaching a workshop that will focus on acting skills, movement and interpretation. The class will showcase its work on Wednesday, March 27 so please mark your calendar to come enjoy the talents of our participants.
- Cooking class is back in the schedule because of partial funding from the Ben & Myrtle Walkling Memorial Trust. Cooking is an expensive class for us to run but having funding and partnership with the Port Angeles Food Bank allows us to continue to offer the class with no extra cost to participants. This term the cooking class is a one and a half hour class running from 11 am to 12:30 pm on Fridays.
- Thanks again to funding from Clallam County Health & Human Services, DD, we are continuing the relationships class entitled *Circle of Life*. Millage funds are allowing us to offer this class completely free to participants. The class will continue to utilize the Katherine McLaughlin curriculum to educate participants. In addition, visiting speakers will help to address specific aspects of safety, mental health, etc. (In fall term we hosted Dr. Edward Fischer from DDA Region 3's Clinical Team, Cindy Lee from the Port Angeles division of Adult Protective Services, and Officer Jeffery Ordonia from the Port Angeles Police Department.)
- We are trying something new by introducing a fitness/health class in Sequim. With limited space in the Sequim classroom the *Fit & Healthy* curriculum will be different from the PA *Fit & Strong* class. *Fit & Healthy* will include chair exercises, discussion about healthy eating, team building through fitness, safe stretching and better breathing techniques.
- The "usual" classes, such as Rec Club, Art & Music are also in the schedule. For a full calendar and registration materials go to: www.clallammosaic.org/classes/. We would like to give a big shout out to United Way of Clallam County and the Albert Haller Foundation for funding that enables us to keep our day program fees low.

In addition to classes there are a number of other things happening in the next few months:

- Parent to Parent
 - Parents Night Out, Fridays 5 pm: 1/18 @ Midtown Public House, PA; 2/22 @ Fortune Star, Sequim; 3/22 @ Sabai Thai, PA
 - An IEP/504/Transition event will be happening on Saturday, February 16. A flyer will be coming out soon so keep an eye on www.clallammosaic.org/p2p/ for more information.
- A Parent/Caregiver Roundtable discussion is in planning for February or March on the topic of "Talking to your loved one about relationships & sexuality." This session will be an opportunity to share tips and tools and should help attendees feel more comfortable, confident and better equipped for a



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Mosaic

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conversation about relationships. If you are interested in joining in the discussion please send an email to info@clallamosaic.org.

- The Night to Shine prom will be happening on Friday, Feb 8 at Vern Burton (308 E 4th St, PA) from 6 pm to 9 pm. The Clallam NTS team is hoping to host between 100 & 125 guests with special needs at the prom this year. In order to make the night a success it takes a tremendous number of volunteers, so please think about helping. If you would like to be a guest or a volunteer, registration paperwork can be found at www.clallamosaic.org/partners/.
- A Zumbathon® mini-fundraiser will be happening on Saturday, Feb 16 at the Sequim YMCA (610 N Fifth Avenue) from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. Y membership is not needed to participate and individuals of every ability and level are welcome. The minimum suggested donation per person is \$10, and 100% of dollars raised will go to Mosaic.
- On March 8th from 1 pm to 4 pm we will be hosting a Health Fair in the Fellowship Hall of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (301 Lopez Ave, PA). Honors nursing students from Peninsula College will have several tables of information on topics ranging from diabetes and heart health to nutrition and fitness. Everyone is welcome to attend for free!
- On March 16, in honor of Developmental Disability Awareness Month, agencies around the region will be co-hosting a DD Awareness Day at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The event will start with a talk by Ivanova Smith a DD self-advocate from Tacoma, followed by a showing of the movie *Intelligent Lives*, a short panel discussion and a small ice cream social. This event is meant for everyone in Clallam County and we hope that you will take the opportunity to invite your family, friends and neighbors to attend.

As always, Mosaic appreciates all of our supporters and friends. We hope to see many of you through 2019. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at info@clallamosaic.org or 360.681.8642.





Parenting a child with special needs is unique. And can be isolating.

Parents Night Out

Parent to Parent offers emotional support, laughter, needed resources and provides a safe space to talk about whatever is on your mind.



Come join the conversation with other parents who get it.

Friday
January 18
Beginning at 5
Midtown Public House
633 E 1st St.
Port Angeles

Friday
February 22
Beginning at 5
Fortune Star
145 E Washington St.
Sequim

Friday
March 22
Beginning at 5
Sabai Thai
903 W 8th St.
Port Angeles

For more information:

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www.clallammosaic.org/p2p

Facebook: Parent to Parent of Clallam County





Winter Term 2019 Upcoming Events

For more information about these upcoming events, Class News and more:

Visit: www.clallammosaic.org

Email: info@clallammosaic.org

Call: 360-681-8642

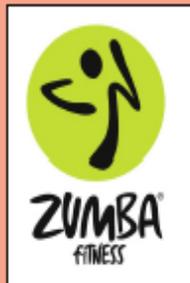
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Clallam Night to Shine

February 8, 2019 • 6 to 9 pm

Vern Burton Center, Port Angeles

Come Dance and Shine



ZUMBATHON®

Fundraising Event

Saturday, February 16 • 5 to 7 pm

Sequim YMCA on 5th Avenue

Have Fun Exercising While Raising Funds for Clallam Mosaic

Health Fair

Friday, March 8 • 1 to 4 pm

Fellowship Hall, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
301 Lopez Avenue, Port Angeles

A FREE educational and interactive opportunity
to promote wellness.





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HUMAN SERVICES**

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*Working to enhance inclusive choices
for individuals with developmental disabilities.*

EMPLOYMENT FIRST

- * *Everyone can work and there is a job for everyone. Our job is to be creative and tenacious in providing support.*
- * *Not working should be the exception. All individuals, schools, families and businesses must raise their expectations.*
- * *People will be hired because of their ability not because they have a disability.*
- * *Communities embrace people who contribute.*
- * *Everyone has something to contribute and needs to contribute.*
- * *People are healthier, safer and happiest with meaningful work.*
- * *True employment is not a social service.*
- * *Employment is a win win for everybody.*

Three things in human
life are important:
the first is to be
kind; the second is
to be kind; and the
third is to be kind.

HENRY JAMES



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- **DDAC Meetings:** Occurs First Thursday of every other month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Clallam County Commissioners Room at the Clallam County Courthouse in Port Angeles.
- **Clallam County Commissioners Meeting:** Every Tuesday at 10:00am in the Clallam County Board of Commissioners room, Clallam County Courthouse, Port Angeles
- **Cape Flattery School Board Meetings:** For current listing go to: www.capeflattery.wednet.edu/board-agendas
- **Crescent School Board Meetings:** Fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. For current listing go to: www.crescentschooldistrict.org/school_board/board_meetings/
- **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/
- **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
- **Sequim School Board Meetings:** Every First and Third Monday of each month at 6:30pm. For current listing go to: www.sequimschools.wednet.edu