



Clallam Connection

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July-August 2016

PROGRESS AND CHANGE

*First they ignore you,
Then they laugh at you,
Then they fight you,
Then you win.
-Gandhi*

We are proud to say we have seen great change in our community over the years. Self-advocates, families, agencies and businesses have come together to create a more inclusive community than ever before. People are being employed and growing, whether they have disabilities or not. Many of our self-advocates are stepping above the basic poverty of the Social Security system and are making a significant contribution to our community in their participation, spending and paying taxes. As a new state fiscal year begins, our progress has been noted and we have been challenged to continue to grow our inclusive employment community. Together we can continue our progress and help each other grow. Let's all work for more jobs, higher wages and greater contributions to this community we call home.



Happy
Summer!



My ability is
stronger
than my
disability.

- Unknown

DISABILITY ETIQUETTE



**United Spinal
Association**

ASK BEFORE YOU HELP - Just because someone has a disability, don't assume she needs help.* If the setting is accessible, people with disabilities can usually get around fine. Adults with disabilities want to be treated as independent people. Offer assistance only if the person appears to need it. A person with a disability will oftentimes communicate when she needs help. And if she does want help, ask how before you act.

PUT THE PERSON FIRST— Say "person with a disability" rather than "disabled person." Say "people with disabilities" rather than "the disabled." For specific disabilities, saying "person with Tourette syndrome" or "person who has cerebral palsy" is usually a safe bet. Still, individuals do have their own preferences. If you are not sure what words to use, ask.

If the service counter at your place of business is too high for a person using a wheelchair to see over, step around it to provide service. Have a clipboard handy if filling in forms or providing signatures is expected. A business may also want to make sure employees are prepared to angle down or detach a key pad so a person using a wheelchair can sign their electronic signature after making a credit card purchase.



Identify yourself before you make physical contact with a person who is blind. Tell him your name and your role if it's appropriate, such as security guard, usher, case worker, receptionist or fellow student. And be sure to introduce him to others who are in the group, so that he's not excluded.

Everyone needs to have a positive self-image to be a fully participating member of society. Be sure that you don't contribute to stigmatizing people who look different.

NOT ALL DISABILITIES ARE APPARENT — A person may make a request or act in a way that seems strange to you. That request or behavior may be disability-related.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES are individuals with families, jobs, hobbies, likes and dislikes, and problems and joys. While the disability is an integral part of who they are, it alone does not define them. Don't make them into disability heroes or victims. Treat them as individuals.

To read the complete booklet, go to www.unitedspinal.org/pdf/DisabilityEtiquette

Project Vote Toolkit



Dear Self Advocates:

People with disabilities can make a difference with their vote.

To download the toolkit, go to:
www.disability.gov/resource/project-vote-toolkit/

DON'T FORGET

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DDAC Meetings—Thursday, July 14th, 5:30-7:30pm at Concerned Citizens, 945 S. Forks Ave, Forks. No Videoconferencing. Thursday September 1st, 5:30-7:30pm at Clallam County Board of Commissioners room, Clallam County Courthouse, Port Angeles.
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BLAC Meeting—“Business Leadership Advisory Committee”, a subcommittee of the DDAC, will be on September 21st, 5:15-7:30pm, Home Depot, 1145 W. Washington Street, Sequim. For more meeting dates, go to: www.clallam.net/HHS/HumanServices/blac

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLIDAYS:

July 4th—Independence Day



EVENTS



LOBO DEL MAR
Dance to Olympic Express Big Band!
SATURDAY, JULY 4
10-2:30pm
Serenity Square
577 W. Washington St. • Sequim

Casey's Kettle Corn
Dungeness Gold
We Do Fudge

Clown Alley
Face Painting & Balloons

SEQUIM VALLEY CAR CLUB
CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY!

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PORT ANGELES

DOWNTOWN

4TH OF JULY

AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

7s. (360) 452-2363

Kid's Zone
Gateway Center
12 – 5 pm

- PA Rocks
- Facepainting
- Cupcake Walk
- Selfie Station
- Pancake Artist
- Home Depot Workshop
- Sand Art Table
- Chalk Art
- PA Community Players
- Poser Yoga
- Bubble Lady

Annual Parade
6 – 7:30 pm
Lincoln & 1st Streets

Vendor Booths
Clallam Transit Center
12 – 5 pm

- Farmers Market Goods
- Great Food
- Craft Activities
- Clothing & Furniture

Vendors call: (360) 460-0361

Concerts on the Pier
City Pier Pavilion Stage

11:00a – 1:00p	Talent Showcase
1:30p – 3:00p	FarmStrong Band
3:30p – 5:30p	Buck Ellard Band
8:00p – 10:00p	Carnille Bloom Band

Fireworks!
at Dark
~ 10:15pm
Port Angeles Bay

11am – 11pm • Parade Starts at 6pm • Fireworks at 10:15pm

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Clallam County Fair

**The 2016 Fair Dates:
August 18 - 21, 2016**

**Cowboy Boots and Country Roots
2016 Fair Theme**



*Sequim Lavender Festival**



July 15th-17th, Sequim



Clallam
Mosaic

*Empowering people with developmental disabilities
for a more viable community*

UPDATE

On June 10th & 11th, Clallam Mosaic's Snappy Players Troupe put on two performances of the semi-improvisational show "Where's Ward." These productions were benefit performances which raised more than \$2,000 for Clallam Mosaic and over \$300 (from the Bake Sale) for Olympic Theatre Arts. The troupe was truly ecstatic to see so much support and appreciation of their efforts. We thank everyone who attended!

An exciting piece of news for our county, Clallam Mosaic is working to get Parent to Parent (P2P) back in our county. There will be a presentation at the July 14th DDAC meeting outlining these efforts. Hopefully, implementation of P2P will happen in the fall as a collaborative effort between Washington State's P2P program, Clallam Mosaic and Clallam County Health & Human Services with mentorship provided by Pierce County's PAVE organization. Keep an eye out on our web and Facebook pages for more news on this front!

Looking forward, here are some dates to put in your calendar:

- Summer session runs from **July 12th through August 18th**. On non-field trip days, sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 3 pm at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (301 Lopez Ave) in Port Angeles. Field trips are scheduled (rain or shine!) as follows:
 - July 21st**, 10 am to 2 pm – Carrie Blake Park, Sequim
 - August 4th**, 10 am to 2 pm – City Pier & Feiro Marine Life Center, Port Angeles
 - August 18th**, 11 am to 3 pm – Clallam County Fair, Port Angeles
- **July 15th – 17th**, Clallam Mosaic will have a booth at the Sequim Lavender Festival. We will have crafty items, lavender jelly and artistic products for sale so come out and support us at the booth!
- The First Bob Cup Golf Tournament to benefit "Mosaic House" will be held on Saturday, **July 30th** at the Cedars at Dungeness Golf Course (1965 Woodcock Rd, Sequim). The tournament profits will raise funds for a permanent program location for Clallam Mosaic. The tournament will be a full day event with Putt for Wine, Ball-in-the-Boat activities, raffle and a barbeque. The Barbecue will be open to both non-players and tournament competitors. For more information and/or to register go to: <http://www.clallamosaic.org/news-events-resources/>.
- Performance classes are no longer a part of Saturday Dance days. Instead, participants will have the opportunity to perform karaoke at the Rec Clubs that are part of our regular class schedule. This means that monthly dances will focus on dancing!!!! We are also going to try out a taco bar or potato bar food option. Anyone wanting to contribute food to the dances should bring veggie and fruit trays to add to the mix. Dances will continue to be held at the Sons of Norway Hall, Port Angeles from 1 pm to 3 pm.

Keep an eye on Clallam Mosaic's web (www.clallamosaic.org) and Facebook pages for more information and registration materials. If you ever have any questions, contact Tresa Stuber (360.681.8642, tresa.mosaic@gmail.com) or Priya Jayadev (360.797.3602, priya.mosaic@gmail.com)

(See more upcoming event information listed in the May-June Clallam Connection newsletter.)



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Youth

ODEP works to influence national policy and promote effective workplace practices to ensure that today's—and tomorrow's—workforce engages all people, including people with disabilities. As a result, one important policy focus area is youth transitioning from school to adulthood and the world of work.

Read the complete article at: www.dol.gov/odep/categories/youth/ and search other related topics.



Summer camps and program submissions for children with special health needs in **Washington State**.

A Great Resource!

Go online and look up camps and programs in your area and for your specific needs.

www.cshcn.org/resources-contacts/summer-camp-directory

Upcoming Courthouse Closures:

July 4th—Independence Day

September 5th—Labor Day



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

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