

# Clallam Connection

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July-August 2018

## SUMMER FUN!

Seattle Children's Center for Children with Special Needs has a great website with up to date information for summer activities.

### Inclusive Playground Directory



Ten (10) ADA accessible inclusive playgrounds in Washington State. Review photos, features, locations and more. Use their map to search for a playground nearest you!

[www.cshcn.org/resources-contacts/inclusive-playgrounds-and-parks-in-washington-state/](http://www.cshcn.org/resources-contacts/inclusive-playgrounds-and-parks-in-washington-state/)

### Recreation and Sports

Up to date listing of adaptive sport organizations, outdoor recreation and accessible camping and state parks. Information is available on programs near you, and discount passes for Washington State and National parks.

[www.cshcn.org/resources-contacts/recreation-and-sports-resources/](http://www.cshcn.org/resources-contacts/recreation-and-sports-resources/)

### Resource Guide

Don't forget about their resource guide!

[www.cshcn.org/diagnosis-information/resource-guide/](http://www.cshcn.org/diagnosis-information/resource-guide/)

Tell me and I forget.  
Teach me and I remember.  
Involve me and I learn.

- Benjamin Franklin



Washington State Department of Social and Health Services



Developmental Disabilities Administration

## DDA Guiding Values

Inclusion · Status and Contribution · Relationships  
Power and Choice · Health and Safety · Competence

None of the values stands alone or is more important than the others. They overlap, affect, and inform each other. As a values system, they can be used to:

- Support individual choices
- Form a framework for person centered planning
- Direct quality supports and services
- Advocate for resources
- Provide a way to evaluate our efforts

We recognize that people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities are self-advocates and contributing citizens who enrich their communities across their lifespans. Great strides have been made helping people connect, and still many people lack solid, mutual relationships and support networks. The role of services is to support the inclusion of all people into their communities and build these strengths starting at birth with parents and transitioning to adulthood. We believe that “all means all”, and refuse to accept or promote segregation, isolation, and poverty. To put these values into action we must make them a part of our choices and the policies and practices of our organizations. These values are how we assist others in creating their meaningful life and how our services are measured.

## Town Hall Meeting with DSHS Secretary Cheryl Strange

Thursday, August 9th, 1:00pm

NOLS (Library) Port Angeles, Raymond Carver Room

2210 S. Peabody Street, Port Angeles

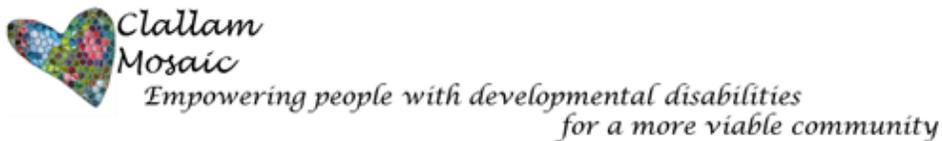
What is DSHS doing well? What can they do better? What is important?

To RSVP to this event, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PCYV23X>

# DON'T FORGET

- **DDAC Meetings** — July 26th, 5:30-7:30pm, Clallam County Commissioners Room, Clallam County Courthouse, Port Angeles. September 6th, 5:30-7:30pm, Concerned Citizens, 915 S. Forks Avenue, Forks.
- **BLAC Meeting**—"Business Leadership Advisory Committee", a subcommittee of the DDAC. Dates: TBD. Meeting dates are listed at: [www.clallam.net/HHS/HumanServices/blac](http://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](http://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/](http://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/](http://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](http://www.qvschools.org/pages/Quillayute_Valley_SD_402)
- **Cape Flattery School Board Meetings** — For current listing go to: [www.capeflattery.wednet.edu/board-agendas](http://www.capeflattery.wednet.edu/board-agendas)

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| EVENTS | Happy 4th of July! - Courthouse closed   |  |
|        | DDAC Meeting — July 26th 5:30-7:30pm — Clallam County Courthouse   |   |
|        | <i>Happy Labor Day!!</i><br>September 3rd, 2018—Courthouse closed for Labor Day  |   |
|        | The Annual Forks DDAC Meeting—Thursday, September 6th @ Concerned Citizens, 915 S. Forks Avenue. 5:30-7:30pm. Dinner provider to attendees of the meeting at 5:00pm. |   |



## UPDATE

SUMMER! It's here and we are so excited about offering some amazing programs to help you enjoy the season to it's fullest...

Summer session will run Monday through Friday from July 9<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>. In the lineup, there are some 6-week-long classes, some mini-courses and weekly field trip opportunities. For more information and to download registration materials, go to [www.clallammosaic.org/classes/](http://www.clallammosaic.org/classes/).

*Soft Skills, Work Ready* classes return in summer, meeting twice per week. The class is ideal for individuals who are interested in finding employment and/or keeping a job. Topics covered will include: effective communication, attitude, teamwork, decision-making and critical thinking. **The class is FREE of cost thanks to funding from the County.** We encourage everyone to take advantage of this great opportunity to develop and improve skills.

*Field Trip Fridays* are going to explore some old haunts (City Pier, Dungeness River, Fair) as well as some new locations (Lavender Festival, Madison Falls, ONP Visitor's Center). Field trips are a great opportunity to get out and enjoy the community that we live in.

Mosaic has been working with Clallam Transit to try to expand the areas we can get our participants to during field trips. The Madison Falls excursion is a "trial run" of this effort. Participants will come to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 9 am for a few activities prior to departure for Madison Falls at 10:30 am. NOTE: For those who wish to go directly to Madison Falls, meet-up time is 11:15 am.

By having everyone depart from Mosaic to the Falls, the extra mileage cost for Clallam Connect (formerly Paratransit) is shared. Since everyone will be departing from the Falls to their homes, the departure trip extra mileage cost is also shared across riders. Please schedule your return trip from Madison Falls.

The extra mileage costs for travel to and from Madison Falls, will be paid for by Mosaic.

Since the Madison Falls trip is so complicated, don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions ([info@clallammosaic.org](mailto:info@clallammosaic.org) or 360.681.8642).

In addition to summer session, Parent to Parent is hosting Sensory Friendly movie showings at Deer Park Cinemas. The first one was *Incredibles 2* on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The second event is *Christopher Robin*, on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

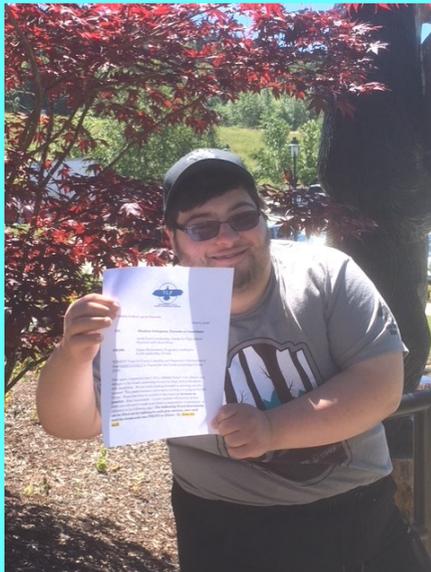
We are also in the planning stages of other meetings, seminars and gatherings. For the most up-to-date information keep your eyes on our Facebook page and website ([www.clallammosaic.org/p2p/](http://www.clallammosaic.org/p2p/)).



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Finally, an invite goes out to all Clallam Mosaic clients, families and volunteers to come to our annual summer barbecue/picnic hosted by board member Mary Jane Duncan. The barbecue/picnic is happening on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3 pm. If you would like more information or to RSVP, please call us at 360.681.8642 or 360.797.3602.

No matter what your plans are for summer, we hope you are able to get out and enjoy the beautiful area we live in.



### Sequim's Nicholas Barrett Goes To Youth Leadership Forum

Nicholas Barrett has been selected to attend this year's 18th Annual Youth Leadership Forum in Olympia this July as a delegate representing our community.

Congratulations Nicholas! We look forward to hearing about your experience.

#### Do You Want To Make a Difference?

The Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee acts in an advisory capacity to plan for and make recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Board of County Commissioners on the provision of services in Clallam County.

The DDAC provides an important link between the public, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Board of County Commissioners and provides important information about community needs and opinions that can affect Clallam County policies and lead to improved services and employment outcomes for county citizens with developmental disabilities.

If you are interested in applying to become a committee member, go to [www.clallam.net/boards](http://www.clallam.net/boards) or stop by the Board of County Commissioners office in the Clallam County Courthouse to pick up an application. Questions? Call Tim Bruce at (360) 417-2428.

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