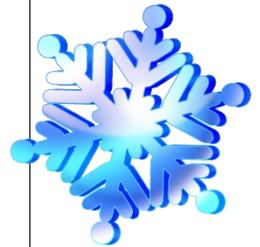


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CLALLAM COUNTY AT THE BUSINESS-2-BUSINESS EXPO



Clallam County Health & Human Services Developmental Disabilities staff members, Timothy Bruce and Mary Clifton, attended the Business-2-Business Expo at Sunland Golf & Country Club in Sequim on October 23rd. The staff was able to connect with local area businesses explaining the relationship between community employment providers and the County. They brought awareness of the benefits of hiring a person with developmental disabilities. As a result of this expo, Mary has followed up with more area businesses and finding some are open to possibilities of hiring people with developmental disabilities.

They look forward to attending similar events like this in the future. If you have any suggestions, or would like to participate, please contact Mary Clifton at 417-2407 mcliffton@co.clallam.wa.us.



"Be kind
whenever
possible.
It is always
possible."

- Dalai Lama

HEALTH FAIR IN NEAH BAY



On September 20th, DDAC Board Member, Tanya Altstatt-Menchaca and her son, Franklin Ides, manned the Clallam County Health & Human Services table at the Makah Health Fair. They handed out information to families and networked with employers.

Franklin (shown left), was able to share his experiences about his recycling job and actually acquired another job offer! Way to go Franklin!

Tanya and Franklin have been asked to attend another health fair at the end of October.

Thank you Tanya and Franklin for helping to make a difference in our communities.



Legislative Reception

The Community of People with Disabilities of Washington State will hold the 33rd annual Legislative Reception

Wednesday, January 23rd, 2013

5:30-7:30 pm

Legislative Building's Columbia Room in Olympia

Hosted by the Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council, The Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment, The State Independent Living Council, Parkview Services and The Washington State Rehabilitation Council

For reasonable accommodations and interpreters, contact Debbie Himes at dhimes@esd.wa.gov

DON'T FORGET

-  **DDAC Meeting** — Thursday, November 1st, 5:30 - 7:30 at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Clallam County Courthouse and Videoconferencing: District Court, Forks.
-  **Mosaic Dances** — “Harvest Feast” on November 17th and the “Holiday Ball” on December 8th, from 2-4pm at the Olympic Vineyard Christian Fellowship, 3415 S. Peabody Street, Port Angeles. Each dance will begin with a show featuring singers or dancers and potluck dinner. For more information contact Bonne Smith at 681-8642 or check out their website at www.clallammosaic.org

AND AROUND TOWN

Christmas Cottage Craft Fair—November 9th—11th, Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles,. Friday and Saturday 9am-6pm, Sunday 9am-4pm. Lots of homemade crafts and holiday items.



Festival of Trees—November 23rd-25th, Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles,. Teddy Bear Teas on Friday the 23rd. The gala event and auction will be held the evening of the 23rd. Open house for viewing of the trees will be from 1-4pm on Saturday the 24th and 11-3 on the Sunday the 25th. Go to www.omhf.org/festival-of-trees for more information.

Down Home Holiday Bazaar—November 25th, 9am—4pm, Sequim High School Cafeteria, 601 N Sequim Ave., Sequim. Over 40 vendors offering locally hand-crafted items for sale. This event raises money for the Sequim High School Band Boosters.



Sequim City Band Serenades Santa—November 24th, 11:00am-12:00pm at the corner of Washington Street and Sequim Avenue, Sequim.

Handmade Christmas Fair—December 1st, 9am-3pm at the Sequim Prairie Grange, 290 Macleay Road, Sequim. Contact Joy Barrett at 683-7021 for more information.



Vern Burton Christmas Fair—December 1st & 2nd, Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles. Saturday from 9-5 and Sunday from 10-4. Crafts, raffle drawings, visit from Santa. Contact Cindy at 417-4550 for more information



Annual Twinkle Light Parade and Moonlight Madness in Forks on December 1st . Parade starts at 6pm and downtown shopping is from 7-10pm



Port Angeles Symphony Holiday Concert—Saturday December 8th, 7:30-9:30pm at the Port Angeles High School Auditorium. Go to www.portangelessymphony.org or call 457-5579 for more information



NEW VENDOR SELECTION CASE MANAGER



Mary Clifton comes to Clallam County Health & Human Services Developmental Disabilities from Longview, Washington where she worked as a Vocational Services Manager and Developmental Disability Case Manager for Goodwill. Her social service career also includes employment in DSHS's "Working Connections Childcare" program. Prior to employment in social services, Mary worked as a college advisor and instructor. Mary started with Health & Human Services on September 6, 2012.

"If you can dream it, you can do it."
-Walt Disney

Don't forget to Vote!



Submit your ballot by November 6th.



NEW! There is a handicapped accessible voting drop box outside the Clallam County Courthouse for day or after hours use. Please check it out.

BLAC (BUSINESS LEADERSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

On Thursday, September 27th we held our 3rd Business Leadership Advisory Committee (BLAC) meeting in the Board of County Commissioners room, 5:15-7:30pm. The businesses represented were: Dungeness Courte, Sequim Goodwill Retail Center, SARC, Clallam County Hostelries, Red Lion Inn and Home Depot. The Employment Provider represented was Morningside. Mary Clifton and Tim Bruce from Clallam County Development Disabilities were in attendance.

Each employer shared what was happening at their place of business. They also shared community outreach activities they were sponsoring and invited individuals with developmental disabilities to participate as volunteers or attendees.

The employers offered suggestions on how other employers can be effectively approached for considering hiring people with developmental disabilities.

Discussion regarding internships and Work Experiences (WEX) for high school transition students was addressed. Mary will be researching the state labor guidelines and providing information to the employers at the next meeting.

The employers agreed to meet again January 10, 2013 after the holiday season.

- Mary Clifton, Clallam County Heath & Human Services



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important role people
with disabilities play in
America's educational
and economic success.

PROCLAMATIONS SIGNED FOR OCTOBER



Employers Recognized

Oak Street Center, Fiero Marine Life Center, McDonald's - Port Angeles, Clallam County Hostelries, Safeway - Port Angeles, Goodwill - Sequim, Sequim Community School, Olympic Medical Center, Wal-Mart - Port Angeles, Pacific Bay International, Sun Baked Landscaping, Lee Shore Boats, Pacific Office Equipment, Dungeness Courte, DSHS-Dept of Children's Administration, Albertson's - Port Angeles, Goodwill - Port Angeles, Jack in the Box - Port Angeles, CCH Individualized Support Services Inc., Sodexo @ Sequim School District Cafeteria, Clallam County YMCA, Olympic Laundry & Cleaners, Pete Wilder Trucking - Forks



Commissioner Mike Chapman, Health & Human Services Developmental Disabilities Planner Tim Bruce, DDAC Board Member Peter Ripley, Commissioner Howard Doherty, & Commissioner Jim McEntire



See the proclamations on our website at: <http://bit.ly/SZmOPO>



Mosaic (formerly SNAP) an organization that educates, empowers, and enriches the lives of adults with developmental disabilities in Clallam County hosted "A Healthy Affair" which featured "The Human Bean Race and Fun Walk" October 13, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 Lopez Ave. Port Angeles.

This fundraising event for anyone with disabilities, abilities, and super powers raised more than \$1,100.00. The fun walk was followed by "A Healthy Affair". The free health fair hosted local medical providers and agencies in sharing their knowledge and compassion in an informal setting in order to provide information for maintaining health.

In conjunction with the health fair, an art show of Allison Ormsby's work was on display at Karon's Frame Center, 625 E. Front, Port Angeles. Allison was a long-time Mosaic member, who passed away three years ago from breast cancer. Allison's, bright, colorful, joyful paintings inspired and reflect her love of color, flowers and nature. One of Allison's paintings was used to render the new Mosaic logo. Created by April Larson, the heart motif represents the Mosaic motto, "A Community With Heart Includes Everyone," The art exhibit continued through October in celebration of Allison, and to raise awareness about breast cancer, and developmental disabilities.

With Fall classes at the mid mark of the Quarter, Mosaic's increased classes allowed for more participation between the Sequim location at Olympic Theater Arts, Sequim High School Living Skills classroom, and Outreach which is busy with park clean ups at Carrie Blake and Dungeness Railroad Bridge Park.

The Port Angeles site at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church classroom and kitchen has served healthy lunches for more than 20, weekly, along with Theater Design Class, Home Arts, Exercise and Rec Club.

In the News

Mosaic is planning its Winter schedule of classes and will include several new offerings. Bonne Smith, Mosaic Program director, will instruct a soft-employment skills class in Port Angeles. The Healthy Eating and Cooking class will also continue however the class will emphasize diet and portion, as well as bulk buying for quality, cost, and storage.

Kim Ortloff, Mosaic President is conducting Family Education classes covering such topics as trusts, wills, guardianship, IEPs.

Please contact Mosaic for more information at 360-681-8642
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