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September—October 2015

# OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

Held each October, National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is a time to celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. The theme for this year — which marks 70 years since the first observance — is "My Disability is One Part of Who I Am."



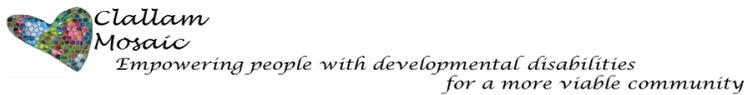
October is also the month when your Washington State schools teach about disability history as mandated by Legislation. Contact your schools today and get involved with their curriculum.

In October, Clallam County will be honoring those employers who have employed people with developmental disabilities in Clallam County. Please join us in honoring the great employers out there that work towards inclusive employment and value the time and effort of all their employees.

We will be co-hosting an upcoming matinee movie on October 17th. For more information, follow us on our Facebook page at: [facebook.com/ClallamCountyDD](https://www.facebook.com/ClallamCountyDD) for updates on these upcoming events.

*At work,  
it's what  
people  
can do  
that  
matters*

*- ODEP*



Clallam Mosaic is advancing into fall with numerous programs and activities. Mark your calendars for the following:

- Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> – Mothers of special needs children are invited to a no-host “Mom’s Night Out” at Sergio’s Restaurant in Port Angeles from 5 pm to 7 pm. This will be an opportunity to join the community of special needs moms and cultivate a fellowship of support.
- Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – Start of the Fall 2015 Quarter of programs. Almost 20 hours of programming available each week through November 14<sup>th</sup>. Programs will be held in Port Angeles on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and in Sequim on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> & October 10<sup>th</sup> – The monthly dances will be happening at Sons of Norway Hall in Port Angeles from 1 pm to 3 pm. There will be food, dancing and performances. The cost of the dance is \$5 and it’s a great time to come enjoy some time with our community!
- Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Housing Town Hall Meeting will take place at the Port Angeles City Council Chambers at 7 pm. This meeting will update everyone on the progress that the Housing Committee is making in realizing the vision of creating an intentional village for adults with developmental disabilities in Clallam County.
- Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – The Parents of Minors with DD Support Group will host their Fall Social at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall from 10:30 am to noon. Light snacks and coffee will be available and parents are encouraged to come and join the support group to talk about the joys, triumphs, catastrophes, concerns and stresses of special needs parenting.
- Friday, November 6, 2015 – SAVE THE DATE for Clallam Mosaic’s annual fundraiser. This year the “Tour of Italy” dinner event will be held at the Vern Burton Community Center. There will be a live and silent auction, dancing (with DJ), cocktails, pasta dinner, theatrical skits and more! The cost for tickets will be \$30. We really hope that you will come out and support us at this event which raises critical funds for our programs!

Clallam Mosaic, P.O. Box 3081, Sequim, WA 98382 – 360.681.8642 – [info@clallamosaic.org](mailto:info@clallamosaic.org) [Facebook.com/ClallamMosaic](https://www.facebook.com/ClallamMosaic)

The BLAC (Business Leadership Advisory Committee) Employers of the Month, recognized for employing persons with developmental disabilities were:

July:  
Clallam  
Transit



August:  
King’s Way  
Foursquare  
Church



For more information, go to [www.clallam.net/HHS/HumanServices/blac](http://www.clallam.net/HHS/HumanServices/blac) or call 360-417-2407.

# DON'T FORGET

-  **DDAC Meeting**—Thursday, September 3rd, at the Board of County Commissioners Board Room, Clallam County Courthouse and Videoconferencing: District Court, Forks..
-  **BLAC Meeting**—“Business Leadership Advisory Committee”, a subcommittee of the DDAC, will be meeting on September 10th, 5:15-7:30pm at the Sequim Civic Center Community Room, 152 W. Cedar Street, Sequim.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Labor Day—September 7th  
 First Day of Autumn—September 23rd  
 Halloween—October 31st

### AND AROUND TOWN

 Bear Creek Chili Cookoff Potluck—September 12, Hungry Bear Café, Milepost 206, Forks. Games, hot dogs, hamburgers and live music.

Dance—September 20 and October 18, 7-10pm, Sequim Prairie Grange, 290 Macleay Road, Sequim. \$10 per person, \$15 per couple, \$25 per family.

Pops and Picnic—Port Angeles Symphony—September 25, 7pm, Boys & Girls Club, 400 W. Fir, Sequim. Music and choir. Includes popcorn and ice cream floats. \$5-\$15 per person. Bring your picnic dinner.

Pops and Picnic—Port Angeles Symphony—September 26, 7pm, Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. 4th, Port Angeles. Music and choir. Includes popcorn and ice cream floats. \$5-\$15 per person. Bring your picnic dinner.

Arts & Draughts: A Beer, Wine & Arts Festival, September 26 & 27, downtown Port Angeles. Beer/wine garden, artists, music and food vendors. For more information call 461-2579

National Parks Free Entrance Day — All Day on September 26, 2015

Dancing with the Port Angeles Stars—October 3, 6pm, Port Angeles High School Performing Arts Center, 304 E. Park Ave., Port Angeles. Ballroom pros match up with local celebs and perform. You vote! \$10-\$25. For more information contact JFFA at 457-5411 or email [carolpope@jffa.org](mailto:carolpope@jffa.org)



Crab Fest—October 9-11, Port Angeles waterfront. Local restaurants, cooking demonstrations, crafts, music, much more! Free

Forest Storytelling Festival—October 16-18, Peninsula College Little Theatre, 1502 E. Lauridsen Blvd., Port Angeles. For prices and information, contact Christy Wright at 452-8092 or [wrightwings@olypen.com](mailto:wrightwings@olypen.com)

EVENTS



## UPDATE

We have had a busy and exciting summer. We took Alix Rosenbalm as a softball skills athlete and two 9-hole Unified Golf teams to the Summer Sports Classic, which is state-level competition, in mid-August. Alix, who had a large contingency of supporters - all decked out in Team Alix shirts, shined and earned a gold medal. It was exciting.

Michael Rief and his dad, Tom, played hard, even through a torrential downpour and earned a Bronze Medal. Amanda Forbes and her partner, Scott Aughtry - who is a blind golfer, also played on the same course in the same rain and pulled off a gold medal.



The pictures (above) are from the Summer Sports Classic but lots more can be found by going to our Facebook page which is Clallam County Orcas.

Bowling is beginning September 12th, for those who want to bowl on Saturdays, at 10:00 am at Laurel Lanes. Thursday September 17th is the start day for those who want to bowl on Thursdays. Our Regional Tournament will be held on Sunday, November 1st. We expect a fun bowling season!!

For those who have not participated with our program before - you will need to have a doctor sign a form, Application For Participation, which can be found on the [SOWA.org](http://SOWA.org) site or by e-mailing [ClallamCountyOrcas@gmail.com](mailto:ClallamCountyOrcas@gmail.com).

As always if you are interested in joining the Clallam County Orcas program as an athlete or volunteer - please call Wendy Bonham at 360-477-4134.

Do you need classes? Are you interested in workshops and other events? You can go to DDA's website at: [www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/events-and-training/events-and-training](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/events-and-training/events-and-training) for up to date information.

Events and Training



Washington State Department of Social and Health Services

Developmental Disabilities Administration

# What can YOU do? The Campaign for Disability Employment



Get connected with the campaign on their website at: [www.whatcanyoudocampaign.org](http://www.whatcanyoudocampaign.org)

My disability is only **one part** of who I am

**RJ Mitte**  
Brown hair  
**Television Actor**  
Cerebral Palsy

At work, it's what people **CAN DO** that matters.

**What can YOU do?**  
The Campaign for Disability Employment  
[WhatCanYouDoCampaign.org](http://WhatCanYouDoCampaign.org)

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*I am a valuable employee.*

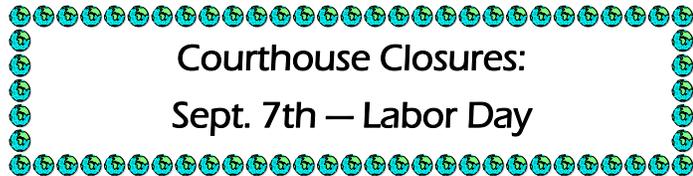


ODEP website: [www.dol.gov/odep/](http://www.dol.gov/odep/)

## Disability.gov

Thousands of resources on benefits, civil rights, community life, education, emergency preparedness, employment, health, housing, technology and transportation for people with disabilities, their families, Veterans, educators, employers and others.

**Courthouse Closures:**  
**Sept. 7th — Labor Day**



## WANTED!

Self Advocates 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](mailto:tbruce@co.clallam.wa.us)

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