

Clallam Connection

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September-October 2016

WHO ARE YOU? WHO ARE WE?

As school starts again and we celebrate National Disability Awareness Month, it is appropriate to consider what we as individuals and a community believe about our friends and loved ones with developmental disabilities. Do we believe our communities should be inclusive? Do we believe that all have gifts to share? Do we believe that all belong?

A core belief in all that we do at Clallam County Health and Human Services may be described in the term "empowerment". In general, this term refers to measures designed to increase the degree of autonomy and self-determination in people and in communities in order to enable them to represent their interests in a responsible and self-determined way, acting on their own authority.

Taken to the individual level this is about looking at who you are and becoming more aware of yourself as a unique individual. It involves developing the confidence and strength to set realistic goals and fulfil your potential. Everyone has strengths and weaknesses and a range of skills that are used in everyday situations, but all too often people remain unaware of, or undervalue, their true abilities. Do we support this value?

Many of us here in Clallam County, strongly believe that we all belong, we all have something to contribute and we all have abilities to develop. So whether it is educational settings, work settings, recreational settings, sports settings, living settings, financial settings or any other part of life, we invite you to consider how can we best support the personal empowerment of every individual.

Together we are all better and stronger!



Fall Begins
September
22nd



The
achievement of
one goal
should be
the starting
point of an-
other.

- Alexander
Graham
Bell



UPDATE



Athletes participating with the Clallam County Orcas have been busy over the past several months! We've been involved in the Summer Games, softball and golf tournaments, and the Summer Sports Classic – all of which induced lots of smiles, lots of awards, and joy!



Bowling is beginning on Saturday, September 10th. For Thursday bowlers, it will start on the 15th. It will seem like a short season as the tournament will be held in Silverdale on Sunday, October 30th.



With changes in the way on how Special Olympics of Washington is structured, fund-raising has become more important for us to keep our program running. The great thing is that 100% of funds raised here in Clallam County are used for our athletes – transportation to tournaments, lodging, equipment and uniforms.

We will be having a Pasta Feed and Auction (and party) on Saturday, November 19th at Shirley's Café in Port Angeles.

If you have interest in volunteering or participating in our Special Olympics program, please contact Wendy Bonham at ClallamCountyOrcas@gmail.com or by calling 360-477-4134.

Events and Training



Washington State Department of Social and Health Services



Developmental Disabilities Administration

October 20th in Port Orchard—Creating Functional Assessment/Positive Behavior Support Plans

October 24th in Tumwater—Reflective Listening (part of the Challenging Behavior Series)

And much more!! For more information and to register, go to www.dshs.wa.gov/dda/dda-provider-training



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

LABOR DAY—WHAT IT MEANS

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

DON'T FORGET

- **DDAC Meetings**—Thursday, September 1st, 5:30-7:30pm at Clallam County Board of Commissioners room, Clallam County Courthouse, Port Angeles and Thursday, November 3rd, 5:30-7:30pm at Clallam County Board of Commissioners room, Clallam County Courthouse, Port Angeles.
- **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:
 September 5th—Labor Day
 October 31st—Halloween





Blood Drive - Hosted by the Puget Sound Blood Center
 September 19, 2016 - September 20, 2016 @ Vern Burton Community Center

October is Disability Employment Awareness Month!

Clallam County Health & Human Services—Developmental Disabilities, Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee (DDAC), Business Leadership Advisory Committee (BLAC), along with Clallam Mosaic, will be partnering in activities in the community. Please check our Facebook page for current and upcoming events in October.

Proclamations—October 4th, 10:00am—Clallam County Commissioners meeting, Clallam County Courthouse

Movie—October 1st and 22nd, 2-4pm—Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Angeles

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15th Annual CrabFest - Port Angeles, WA - October 7-9, 2016



DUNGENESS CRAB & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL
 Celebrating Olympic Coast Cuisine



EVENTS



Clallam
Mosaic

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

UPDATE

Parent to Parent Chapter: Clallam Mosaic was awarded the contract by The Arc of Washington State to implement a Parent to Parent (P2P) Chapter in Clallam County. With matching financial support from the Arc and Clallam County Health & Human Services, the Clallam County P2P program brought Shawnda Hicks onboard as the new P2P Coordinator for the county. Shawnda kicked off her role by hosting an information table at the Port Angeles Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 20th. Shawnda will be partnering with the Pierce County based non-profit, PAVE, to develop a Helping Parent Network, resource lists and parent matching systems for Clallam County. More news about the P2P will be coming to you as Shawnda gets settled into her role so keep your eye out on both our FB page and website!

Fall Term: Clallam Mosaic's Fall Term starts on Tuesday, September 6th and runs through December 15th, which means that most classes will last for 14 weeks! This term classes will be held in Port Angeles on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and in Sequim on Tuesdays. The class roster includes old standbys such as Rec Club, Theater & Voyagers and brings back a number of creative classes such as Photography, Art & Music. To download a copy of the registration materials, calendar and forms, please go to: www.clallamosaic.org/classes/.

Dances: The dance dates for the rest of the year are listed below. Dances run from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Sons of Norway Hall (131 W. 5th) in Port Angeles.

- September 10th: Fall Celebration
- October 8th: Halloween Party
- November 12th: Thanksgiving Celebration
- December 10th: Holiday Celebration

Annual Gala: Save the date! Clallam Mosaic's Annual Gala will be happening on Saturday, October 15th! The gala will again be held at the Vern Burton Community Center (304 E. 4th St.) in Port Angeles with the Viewing/Social Hour starting at 4:30 pm and Dinner starting around 6:00 pm. There will be some amazing items available in the Live & Silent auctions. There will be dancing with a live DJ. There will be participant performances and of course some great food provided by area restaurants! Tickets will go on sale in September and this year there will be an online purchase option. Breaking news about this year's event will be found on Clallam Mosaic's website (www.clallamosaic.org) and FB page.

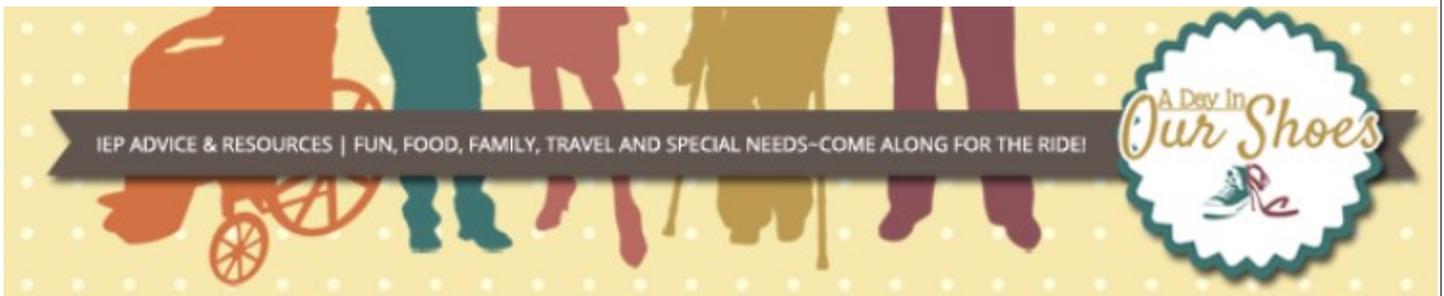
Finally, here are a few pictures from our participants' activities during 2016 Summer Sessions:



National Disability Employment Awareness Month 2016



Reflecting the important role disability plays in workforce diversity, this year's National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) theme is "#InclusionWorks." Observed each October, NDEAM celebrates the contributions of workers with disabilities and educates about the value of a diverse workforce inclusive of their skills and talents. The annual theme is announced early to facilitate advance planning of events. The official 2016 NDEAM [poster](#) is now available.



Need resources for IEP's? Guardianship? A Day In Our Shoes (by Lisa Lightner) has that and much, much more! Go online to www adayinourshoes.com and on Facebook at: facebook.com/dayinourshoes

Upcoming Courthouse Closures:

September 5th—Labor Day

WANTED!

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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