









### **March 2025 Newsletter**

## **Community News & Activities**

Wrightslaw Special Ed and Advocacy Training

Tuesday & Wednesday, March 18 & 19 from 6:00 am to 9:00 am PST



This Wrightslaw training program focuses on Special Education law, rights, responsibilities, and provides an introduction to tactics and strategies for effective advocacy.

More Info Here

#### **Echo Autism Communities Symposium**

Thursday, April 3 from 6:00 am to 1:30 pm



## Be a Part of Something Bigger:

### ECHO Autism Communities Symposium

The **2025 ECHO Autism Communities Symposium** is more than just an event—it's a movement to reshape autism care, improve access, and empower voices within the autism community.

This **free**, **virtual**, **all-day symposium** is your chance to connect with experts, advocates, and professionals from around the world, all dedicated to making a lasting difference.

#### The Arc of Washington: Medicaid Advocacy



Millions of children and adults with disabilities rely on Medicaid for their health care coverage and the support they need to live in their communities, including personal care, respite, job coaches, and residential care. In 2025, Congress has to make big decisions about what our nation's priorities should be and how to pay for them. Some policy makers think there is money to spare in the Medicaid program. We know that's not true. Contact your members of Congress now and ask them to support Medicaid!

More Info Here

## Project ECHO Parent Education Series on Challenging Behavior

#### **Developmental Disabilities Administration**

**January 23, 2025** 

#### Project ECHO Parent Education Series on Challenging Behavior

In partnership with the Haring Center for Inclusive Education, we are offering a remote parent education series for **parents and caregivers** of children ages 3-12 years old. This series focuses on joining a community that is a safe space for parents and caregivers to share their experiences, offer support to one another and develop strategies together to support challenging behaviors at home.

In this series, we will take a strengths-based approach to identify behavioral skills and strategies to support challenging behavior as well as strategies to teach new skills and behaviors. The series welcomes a behavior analyst, special education teacher and mental health provider as well as a family advocate. Participants will have opportunities to discuss behaviors and problem-solve strategies and supports, and will get weekly handouts focused on behavioral skills and strategies.

This 12-week series runs 11 a.m. to noon on Fridays via Zoom, beginning Feb. 7 and ending April 25. This series is free and translation is provided through subtitles if needed.

Register Here

The Arc Advocacy Days 2025

## **SAVE THE DATE**





### **Advocacy Days 2025**

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| Grow Capacity!   |

**JANUARY 15TH** ALL DAY IN PERSON Closed

**Build Capacity** 

How can plan for our system to grow so that it meets the needs of our



**JANUARY 22ND** 10:00-11:30 AM | VIRTUAL

Closed

Supporting **Families** 

How can we ensure families have the support they need?



**JANUARY 29TH** 

10:00-11:30 AM | VIRTUAL

Closed

Housing How can I get the support I need to live in my home?



**FEBRUARY 5TH** 

Closed 10:00-11:30 AM | VIRTUAL

Supported

How can I have a safe, affordable, inclusive place to live?

LIVE CRSA (COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

ASSOCIATION) @ 12:00 PM

Living



**FEBRUARY 12TH** 

10:00-11:30 AM | VIRTUAL

Closed

Crisis Why are so many people in crisis?



**FEBRUARY 19TH** 

Closed

10:00-11:30 AM | VIRTUAL LIVE CEA (COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT ALLIANCE) @ 1:00 PM

Employment & Community Inclusion

How do we ensure that individuals have the adequate supports and individualized services needed to work and build relationships in the community?



FEBRUARY 26TH

Closed 10:00-11:30 AM | VIRTUAL

Education

What is needed to ensure every student has an inclusive education?



MARCH 5TH

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Community Living

supports and services I need in order to live successfully in the community?



MARCH 12TH

10:00-11:30 AM | VIRTUAL

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Engagement

How do we create welcoming communities and prevent social



MARCH 19TH

10:00-11:30 AM | VIRTUAL

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Workforce

Social

How do we ensure there is a quality workforce available to care for our loved



MARCH 26TH

10:00-11:30 AM | VIRTUAL

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**Budget** 

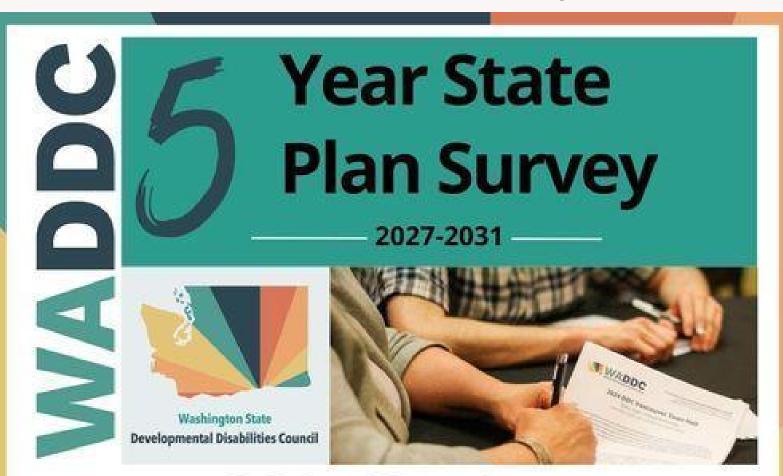
What can you do now?

## **MORE** INFORMATION

For more information on Advocacy Days visit: arcwa.org/advocacy/advocacy-days/

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# The Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council wants to hear from you!



## We're Listening: Share Your Vision for a Better Future

Survey Open January 21, 2025 - July 21, 2025

Share your thoughts, concerns, and ideas about the challenges and barriers faced by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families in Washington State.

More Info Here





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