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**Disability
Network**



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

Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy Training

Presented via Zoom



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.

[More Info Here](#)

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

 Date specific	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 community?
 Supportive Relationships	JANUARY 22ND 10:00-11:30 AM VIRTUAL Closed	Supporting Families	How can we ensure families have the support they need?
 Housing	JANUARY 29TH 10:00-11:30 AM VIRTUAL Closed	Housing	How can I get the support I need to live in my home?
 Supportive Relationships	FEBRUARY 5TH 10:00-11:30 AM VIRTUAL Closed LIVE CRSA (COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION) @ 12:00 PM	Supported Living	How can I have a safe, affordable, inclusive place to live?
 Person in Crisis	FEBRUARY 12TH 10:00-11:30 AM VIRTUAL Closed	Crisis	Why are so many people in crisis?
 Having a Job is a Gift	FEBRUARY 19TH 10:00-11:30 AM VIRTUAL Closed 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?
 Inclusion	FEBRUARY 26TH 10:00-11:30 AM VIRTUAL Closed	Education	What is needed to ensure every student has an inclusive education?
 Living in My Community	MARCH 5TH 10:00-11:30 AM VIRTUAL Open SAIL (SELF- ADVOCATES IN LEADERSHIP) RALLY @ 1:00	Community Living	What are the community and housing supports and services I need in order to live successfully in the community?
 Social Engagement	MARCH 12TH 10:00-11:30 AM VIRTUAL Open	Social Engagement	How do we create welcoming communities and prevent social isolation?
 Workforce Development	MARCH 19TH 10:00-11:30 AM VIRTUAL Open	Workforce	How do we ensure there is a quality workforce available to care for our loved ones?
 Budget	MARCH 26TH 10:00-11:30 AM VIRTUAL Open	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!

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Year State Plan Survey

2027-2031



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.

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