



BEYOND AWARENESS, ACCEPTANCE

April is Autism Acceptance Month

Acceptance means eliminating barriers to ensure that autistic people experience belonging, respect and inclusion, with help and support as requested.

BE HEARD

April showers bring May flowers and...surveys?! On page 3 we share information as to how to give your feedback to three agencies that serve the KSDDAB community. And we'd like to hear from you, too!

Find our booth at the Wellness Fair in White Salmon on May 15 from 3:00-6:00. Please stop by, pick up a brochure, and let us know what we can do for you and your family.

KSDDAB COMMUNITY



**Klickitat
Skamania
Developmental
Disabilities
Advisory
Board**

Supporting Skamania County Community Health in
providing developmental disability services to
Klickitat and Skamania County residents

Welcome Sara Bauer, Parent to Parent Coordinator!



My name is Sara Bauer, and I serve as a Parent-to-Parent (P2P) Coordinator with People Empowered and Communities Enhanced (PeaceNW), supporting families across Skamania and Klickitat Counties. I am the parent of two children with special needs and bring five years of professional experience as a Registered Behavior Technician, working in both medical and school settings. I also grew up in the rural communities of Scotts Mills and Silverton, Oregon, giving me a strong appreciation for the strengths and challenges families in rural areas may experience.

Through my work with Peace NW, I focus on building meaningful connections with families, providing peer-to-peer support, and helping caregivers feel informed and empowered as they navigate systems that support their children. A key resource available to families in our community is virtual IEP support, which offers guidance, encouragement, and connection for parents and caregivers navigating the special education process from wherever they are.

In addition to my current role, I have experience serving in a leadership capacity with a school-based nonprofit, where I supported family engagement and advocacy efforts for children and youth with disabilities. This experience, combined with my professional and personal background, continues to shape my family-centered approach. I'm grateful for the opportunity to support families through PeaceNW and to be part of a community that values connection and collaboration.

P2P Mission Statement: We walk alongside those parenting children with developmental disabilities and/or special health care needs, connecting them with peer support and information so they can take the next step.

To read stories from families who have found connections and support through P2P groups around the state, go to <https://arcwa.org/parent-to-parent/family-stories/>

Join the KSDDAB Board

No special expertise required -- just a desire to find ways to ensure that people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families can easily and locally access resources, services, and support. Board members must reside or work in Skamania or Klickitat County.

Ask for a Board Application today!



KLICKITAT-SKAMANIA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

Visitors are always welcome to attend Board meetings! Meetings are held every other month (February, April, June, August, October, December) on the first Wednesday, from 3:30 pm until 5:00 pm. Participate using Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2152417075> or come join us in person.

Meetings alternate between Skamania and Klickitat County locations.

Contact [Heather Trollier](#) for an agenda and more information.

IEP PARENT SURVEY



The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires states to gauge the “percent of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement.” The Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Education (OSPI) writes that “Parent input is important. This survey helps OSPI understand how well Washington schools work with families to improve services and outcomes for students with disabilities.”

If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and attends school in Educational School District (ESD) 112--from Stevenson to Trout Lake to Lyle--look for your survey this spring. Surveys for Goldendale/ESD 105 are planned for 2027. Learn more, including sample questions and how to request a copy of the results, at:

[HTTPS://OSPI.K12.WA.US/STUDENT-SUCCESS/SPECIAL-EDUCATION/SPECIAL-EDUCATION-PARENT-SURVEY](https://ospi.k12.wa.us/student-success/special-education/special-education-parent-survey)

AAADSW PLAN SURVEY

The Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of Southwest Washington (AAADSW) is conducting a survey on the needs of older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers who live in Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, Klickitat, and Wahkiakum counties. Every four years AAADSW updates its plan for providing services to the community. This survey asks about services for 2027-2030, and helps AAADSW understand which services are needed here as they refine and design programs. <https://www.helpingelders.org/area-plan-survey-2027-2030> Responses are anonymous.

WADDC PLAN SURVEY

While you're at it... The WA Developmental Disabilities Council released its draft 2027-2031 State Plan. Review the proposed priorities and share feedback before the plan is finalized. The survey is open through Sunday, June 7, 2026.



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www.ddc.wa.gov/2026-public-comment

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HAPPENINGS

- Mondays, 6:00-6:45: **Friendship Group for Autistic Kids** (suggested ages: 7 – 13): Hosted by Autism Society of Oregon. Check out other online ASO groups [here](#).
- Tuesdays, 3:00-4:30: **Bowling** \$1/game (2 games max), sponsored by Arc of Mid-Columbia, and free shoe rental from **Orchard Lanes** in Hood River.
- Tuesdays, every other week: **SW Washington Coalition for Disability Services** Open to individuals and groups that focus, in whole or in part, on the I/DD and neurodivergent community. Register with hbartholomew@stephensplace.org.
- Wednesdays & Fridays, 3:00-5:00: **Teen Hangout**--Crafting, games and more. Goldendale Library, Camplan Room.
- Tuesday, April 28, 12:00-1:00: **Navigating Social Security Overpayments in 2026**. Webinar with live Q&A. ASL and Zoom closed captioning will be provided.
- Saturday, May 2, 10:00-1:00: **Community Planting Day**, presented by CPAKC. Free! Pot up some vegetable and flower starts to take home. Goldendale Parks and Rec Center/Pool. For more information, call 509-281-2330.
- Saturday, May 2 & June 6, 3:00-4:00: **Neurodivergent Creators Collective** Chill and Chat Online.
- Saturday, May 2, 11:00-4:00: **Mayfaire**. Every child should have the opportunity to engage, create, and celebrate without barriers. Mayfaire is a free festival bringing the community together in a joyful, sustainable, cultural celebration of the season. Maypole Dance, live music, face painting, craft booths, and even a shared community soup. White Salmon.
- Wednesday, May 6, 6:00-8:30: **OMSI** offers their adaptive museum experience for those who hope to avoid crowds and sensory-overload. Portland.
- Friday, May 15, 9:00-5:00: **Whole Life, Whole Community Conference**. Inspiring speakers, practical strategies, and meaningful connection for the I/DD community.
- Saturday, May 30, 5:00-7:00: **CASS (Community Art Studio of Skamania) First Annual Fundraiser**. Music, food and silent auction. Stevenson.

MORE EVENTS AND FURTHER DETAILS AT KSDDAB.ORG

Klickitat-Skamania Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

Our mission: To support Skamania County Community Health in providing high quality, comprehensive and effective developmental disability services to Klickitat and Skamania County residents in an efficient and respectful manner.

With the support from both the Klickitat and Skamania Board of Commissioners, the Developmental Disabilities services for both counties were joined to form one department in 2021. The Klickitat-Skamania DD Advisory Board was formed soon thereafter.