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REPRESENTATION MATTERS AND ADVOCACY WORKS

From milestone celebrations like prom to classic toys, inclusion matters. Thanks to the tireless work of the Autism Self Advocacy Network, Mattel has released its first Autistic Barbie. This comes just in time for the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, March 2026.

Want to see yourself and your loved ones better represented in other places?
Join the KSDDAB Community today.

KSDDAB COMMUNITY



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

Welcome new board members!



Jessica W. Hoff—Jess for short—is a dedicated language arts and world languages teacher, who has spent many years serving students in Klickitat County. She brings a perspective on the intersection of education, student development, and community support systems. Her work within the school system has given her a front-row seat to the challenges families face when seeking specialized support for their children.

Jess' desire to collaborate with KSDDAB stems from a personal and professional mission to ensure that no family in our community is left to navigate developmental challenges alone. She is bilingual in English and Spanish and hopes to help both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking individuals and families connect to resources to help them lead flourishing lives of inclusion and opportunity.

Donna Jones began her career in the 1970's working with at-risk adolescents. Throughout her life, she has worked in and helped develop public, private and school- and military-based programs for those with disabilities, learning or behavioral challenges, economic hardships and addiction. After moving into corporate management, in 2014 she returned her roots in Goldendale. Donna noted that, "I wanted to focus my efforts in my home community.



I believe collectively we can make our community better and change the lives of those who need us the most." From 2017-2025, Donna worked in The Dalles, overseeing a transition services program through Oregon State for people aged 16-21 with disabilities. Donna will serve as Chair of KSDDAB for 2026.

Join KSDDAB

Board members must reside or work in Skamania or Klickitat County. 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.

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.

NIGHT TO SHINE

February 13, 6-8:00 PM! Everyone deserves to experience going to a prom, to get dressed up and be treated like royalty! If you are living with a disability and are 14 years or older, you are hereby invited to join a complimentary night of dancing and a red carpet experience worthy of a queen or king! A respite room is available where caregivers can relax while volunteers help their special guests have an unforgettable experience.

For friends in Klickitat and Skamania Counties, the White Salmon Grace Baptist Church is again hosting. Guests must preregister. Scan the QR Code to go directly to the website or visit <https://grace-ws.org/crg-night-to-shine>.

Watch a highlight video from the Tim Tebow Foundation <https://timtebowfoundation.org/night-to-shine/>.



HAPPENINGS

- Wednesdays, Feb. 4-Mar. 18, 10-11:30: **ARC 2026 Advocacy Days**. Topics include support services, housing, education, and caregiver shortages. Online.
- Feb. 18 and Mar. 26, 11:00-1:00: **Mobile DSHS**. Click [here](#) for information about benefits under new federal legislation H.R. 1. 107 W. Jewett, White Salmon.
- Feb. 19, 12-12:30: **How to apply for a NW Access Fund loan**. Assistive technology, modifications to vehicle or home, and opportunity loans. [Online](#).
- Saturday, Feb. 21 and March 21, 2-3:00: **Neurodivergent Creators Collective**. Lighting and Cinematography Basics, and Editing a Short Film. Online.
- Thursdays, Feb. 26-April 30, 12:30-1:45: **Positive Parenting** research series. Caregivers of children age 3-12. [Pre-registration required](#). Online.
- Thursday, March 5, 2-4:00: **PeaceNW Senior Parent Group**. Support group for caregivers of adults with disabilities. Online.
- Sundays, 12:00-3:00: **CASS Art Hive**. Open ended creative fun! All ages welcome; under 12 with responsible adult. 198 SW 2nd Stevenson.
- Wednesdays, ongoing, 5:00-6:00: **Dungeons & Dragons**. Teens and adults of all ability levels. Register [here](#). Online.
- Ongoing Feb-March: **Celebrate Neurodiversity in the Arts**. Artists of any age and using any art medium can apply to be featured in their [web gallery](#).
- Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 and Thursdays 5:30-7:00: **Autistic 18+ Adults Support and Discussion Group** hosted by Autism Society of Oregon. Check out other online ASO offerings [here](#).

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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.