

# KSDDAB NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2025



## **JOIN US IN GOLDENDALE AUGUST 6, 3:30-5:00**

What has been your experience seeking services locally? We invite you to our bimonthly meeting to share your story, questions, or concerns. Input from self-advocates, parents, caregivers and community members is critical to our mission.

Meetings also feature board members and guest speakers who share resources and upcoming educational, social and recreational happenings.

This month we'll meet at 115 W. Court Street (KICo Administrative Services Building) in the Mt. Adams meeting room, or online at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2152417075>.

If you can't make the meeting, please reach out by phone, email, our website or Facebook. We want to hear from you!

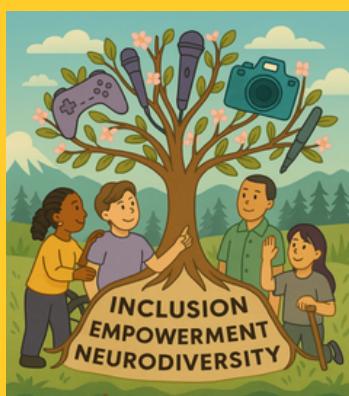
## **KSDDAB COMMUNITY**



**Klickitat  
Skamania  
Developmental  
Disabilities  
Advisory  
Board**

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

## Empowerment is in the name



Looking to develop your creative side? [Autism Empowerment](#) in Vancouver would like to introduce the [Neurodivergent Creators Collective \(AE-NCC\)](#). AENCC seeks to “support and amplify the talents of autistic and neurodivergent creatives” through writing, podcasting, theater, game design, photography and more. Program Leads Gwen LaRee (right) and Brian Tashima (left) are combining their talents, enthusiasm and personal experiences to nurture individuals seeking personal growth or careers in the arts--in front of or behind the camera, microphone, or keyboard--through skill building, collaboration, and professional guidance. Plans include online and in-person groups and workshops. Interested? Take their [survey](#) to share your artistic passions and what you'd like to see from AE-NCC. Community input will be used to carve the path forward.

Summer AE-NCC offerings are listed below in [Happenings](#).

## Save the date!

Go ahead—grab a marker and circle September 18 on your calendar! That's the date for this year's **Autumn Social** in Stevenson, when we say goodbye to summer and kick off the coziest season of the year with friends and fun. This is third year that Big River Grill has hosted the event for their Honored Guests—anyone with special needs.

Bring along your favorite people—family, friends, caregivers, or anyone who loves a good time. Enjoy dinner, music, dancing, karaoke, bingo, crafts, laughter, and maybe even some surprises.

More details coming soon. For updates, follow Autumn Social on [Facebook](#) or send your email to Karen Douglass at [autumnsocial192@gmail.com](mailto:autumnsocial192@gmail.com).

This is one event you won't want to miss!



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## 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.

**KSDDAB is seeking  
board members.** [\*\*Ask for an application today!\*\*](#)

## Coming soon



The [Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council](#) is hosting Bridge Forward, a free, virtual event. This is for individuals, families, providers, policymakers, and community partners from Washington and beyond. WADDC hopes to raise awareness, share challenges and successes, and chart a successful path forward for individuals eligible for, engaged with, or served by Washington's developmental disabilities and behavioral health systems.

Featured speakers include [Anita Cameron](#), Disability Justice Advocate, and [Whit Downing](#), Mental Health and I/DD Leader. Register [here](#). For help or more information, email [info@ddc.wa.gov](mailto:info@ddc.wa.gov).

Another date to circle on your calendar!  
August 15, 9-12:00 is the second  
**Sunflower Hour** at the [Skamania County](#)  
[Fair](#). Enjoy barn tours by Two Rivers, crafts  
and more during this "sensory friendly"  
morning when carnival rides are closed.



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## **HAPPENINGS**

July is **Disability Pride Month**. This celebrates the signing of the ADA, which was signed into law on July 26, 1990. We honor disability culture, history, and community pride, and the right to live meaningful lives without having to conform.

- July 31: The LAST DAY to sign up for a free housing review for WA residents.
- Tuesdays, 3:00-4:30: Bowling \$1/game (2 games max) continues at Orchard Lanes in Hood River.
- Wednesdays, 11:30-12:30: Peace NW Virtual Office Hours. Help and support, no appointment necessary. Meeting Passcode PEACENW
- Wednesdays, ongoing, 5:00-6:00: Dungeons & Dragons. Teens and adults of all ability levels. Meets online. Register [here](#).
- July 26, 2:00-3:00: AE-NCC Workshop - Introduction to Independent Writing and Publishing. Meets online. Registration recommended but not required.
- July 23 and August 27, 5:30-7:00: Club E; fun, free social activities for I/DD community. 7/23 is BINGO! 124 NE Church in White Salmon (Elks Club).
- Mobile DSHS: Bingen, July 16, 12:30-3:30, 400 W. Steuben parking lot; White Salmon, July 17, 10:00-2:00 and July 29, 11:00-1:00: City Lot, (NE Hood & Church).
- August 2, 3:00-4:00: AE-NCC Chill & Chat initial meeting. Connect with other neurodivergent creatives. Open to adults and teens. Meets online 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.
- August 15, 9-12:00: Sunflower Hour, Skamania County Fair.
- September 27, 10:00-1:00: BuddyFest NW: Registration is open for participants, sponsors and volunteers for the annual event. Moda Commons.

**CLICK HERE FOR OUR CALENDAR**  
**WITH MORE EVENTS AND FURTHER DETAILS**

### **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.