

March 2024

Klickitat Skamania Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

Resource Round-Up

We are currently seeking new Board members. [Ask for a Board Application today!](#) Members must reside or work in Skamania or Klickitat Counties. No special expertise required -- just a desire to find ways to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families can easily and locally access resources, services, and support.

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, on Zoom. Contact [Heather Trollier](#) for an agenda and the link.

EMBRACING THE CHALLENGE: TOGETHER WE THRIVE!

The DSHS [Community Summit 2024](#) is May 7-9 in Wenatchee and online.

Scholarships are available to cover attendance and lodging for families or self-advocates interested in attending this year's Community Summit in person. [Contact Heather Trollier](#) by **TUESDAY, MARCH 26**.

“The Summit continues a long tradition of bringing together self-advocates, families, friends, allies, and partners from the public and private sector to share our stories, our experiences, and our hopes for the future. Come be a part of the work that is happening to transform our systems and our communities. We are working to ensure the voices of all people are heard. We are working to ensure all people from the full rich diversity of our state have access to the services they need. We are expanding access to transportation, to employment opportunities, to housing so people can live in the communities of their choosing.”

For more information on the summit itself, call 1-844-878-6648 (1-844-8SUMMIT) or email SummitSupport@gowise.org

[Peace NW](#) offers virtual (online) office hours every Wednesday between 11:30 and 12:30. An easy way for individuals, families and community partners to connect for resource and support navigation, ask questions, and connect with PEACE NW staff without an appointment or having to leave your home or workplace.

Meeting Link: <http://tinyurl.com/yc386ztx> **Meeting Passcode:** PEACENW

About PEACE NW

“PEACE provides individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families with information, education, and training in SW Washington. Our purpose is to link individuals and families to natural supports, assist with accessing programs and services, educate and train for community impact, develop leadership, provide information and resources, as well as offer networking opportunities in all life areas, birth throughout the lifespan. If you need support to navigate service systems including Special Education, Developmental Disabilities Administration, Supplemental Security Income, Guardianship, Residential, Supported Employment, Leadership and Advocacy, Legislative Action, or Local, State, and Federal Supports and Services please contact us.” (360) 823-2247 or info@peacenw.org

PROVIDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

[Clark College Disability Support Services](#) assist students achieve their goals by providing accommodations--academic adjustments or supports. Steps for requesting accommodations can be found [here](#). Official documentation is best for determining accommodations, but is not necessarily required. Accommodations must be secured by the student, not by a parent or guardian.

Examples of accommodations include:

♦ sign language interpreters, ♦closed captioning, ♦extended time for tests, ♦readers ♦alternate formats, including braille, e-text, and large print.

DSS also hosts events and programs including Disability Peer mentors and Autism and ADHD Support Groups. Also check out [Clark’s Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion \(ODEI\) events and resources](#).

DSS Phone: **360-992-2314**. Messages will be returned within 2-3 business days and often earlier. **Video Phone:** 360-991-0901. **Email:** dss@clark.edu Individual DSS staff contact information is [here](#).

Many students from our counties attend a CGCC campus in Hood River or The Dalles. The CGCC [Disability Resources](#) department seeks to maximize opportunities for students with disabilities to succeed, growing personally and educationally. The [handbook](#) provides a general overview and how to apply. For accommodations, students must provide documentation from a licensed professional.

Documentation: a dated, signed letter or report on professional letterhead listing the disability and functional limitations.

Professional: physician, audiologist, rehabilitation counselor, psychologist, or learning disabilities specialist.

Examples of accommodations include:

- ♦Advising ♦Notetaking, writing, and reading/taping support ♦Sign language and oral interpreting
- ♦Test proctoring ♦Adaptive equipment ♦Registration assistance ♦Resource and referral assistance
- ♦GED accommodations

It is important to schedule an appointment with Shayna Dahl, Advisor at 541-506-6011 as soon as possible; you do not have to wait to enroll. Students using sign language must contact Disability Resources at least 4 weeks prior to the beginning of each term.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- **The DDA** [survey](#) on restructuring Waiver services is open until March 27th.
- **The local DHS Office** has closed. Now, a [mobile DHS “office”](#) will be in the White Salmon Worksource parking lot (107 W Jewett Blvd) once a month.

March 26 11:00 am-2:00 pm
April 25 11:00 am- 2:00 pm
May 23 11:00 am-2:00 pm
June 27 11:00 am-2:00 pm
July 25 11:00 am-2:00 pm

- **PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** for a Klickitat or Skamania County parent. Provide support and information to families of children with disabilities in our area. Full

job description at <https://peacenw.org/p2pklickitat-skamania/>

- **WISE** Family Training Series 2023-24: Guardianship & the ABLE Act Mar 19, 2024 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm via Zoom. [Click here to register for this free event.](#)
- **WISE** also provides training and informational materials on a wide range of subjects. The first week is a free trial, so why not check it out?! [2024 WISE Learning Center](#)
- Volunteer to be a voice for our rural communities! Two important state boards are accepting applications for membership. Click on the links if you are interested in learning more about these opportunities:
[Achieving a Better Life Experience \(ABLE\) Governing Board](#)
[Developmental Disabilities Endowment Trust Fund Governing Board](#)
- Speaking of **ABLE**... [Register now](#) for a special informational webinar on April 4 at 10:00AM. Learn all about how ABLE accounts work and how they intersect with Social Security.

We recommend www.informingfamilies.org as your **go-to source** for all things I/DD in Washington State

ABOUT US

Klickitat-Skamania DD Advisory Board 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.

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