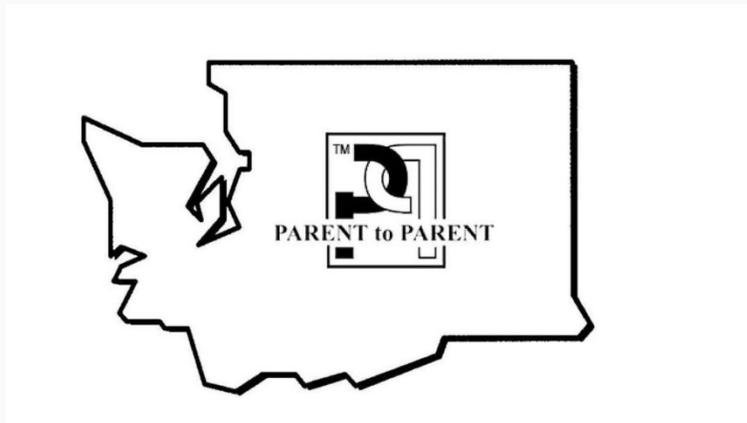


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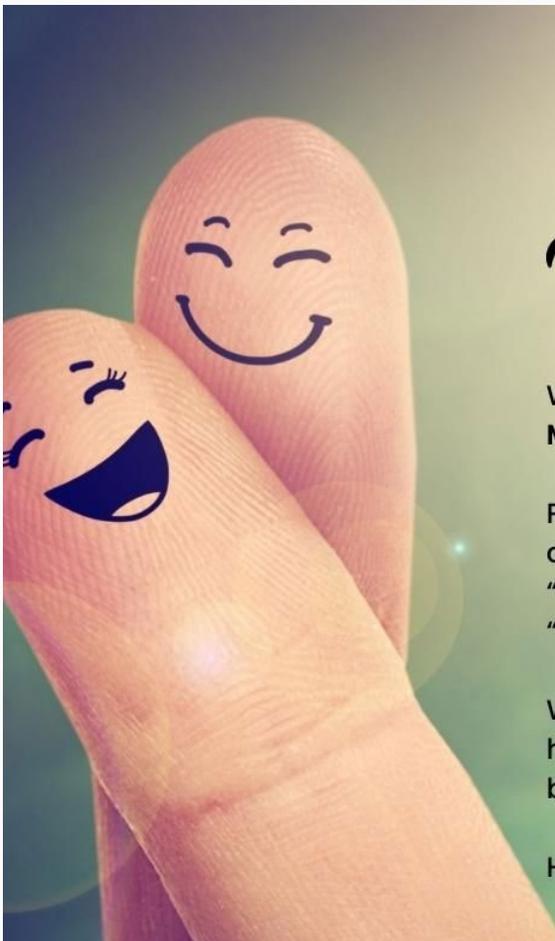
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Café Chatt!

We've moved Cafe Chat to
Mondays at 11am-1pm!

Please join us in having a
conversation with those who
"get it" and a time just to be
"You".

We'll have the coffee pot and
hot water for tea, and you can
bring your lunch.

Hope to see you there!



LUNCH & LEARN

JOIN US FOR OUR LUNCH & LEARN, EVERY 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
AT 11AM.

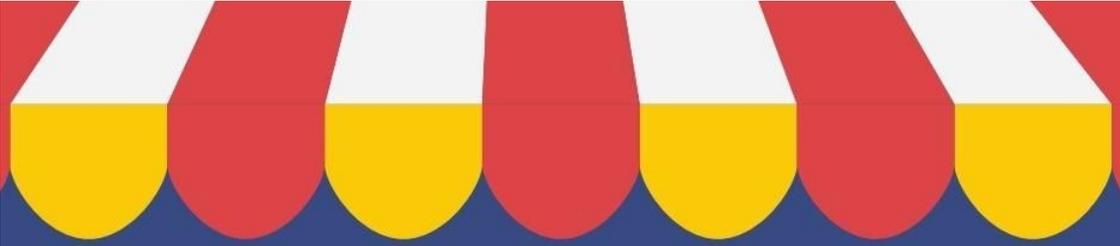
WE INVITE PROVIDERS (DDA, PAVE, CSHCN, ETC.) TO COME EVERY
MONTH. YOU ARE ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND HAVE CONVERSATIONS
WITH THEM.

WE'LL PROVIDE THE COFFEE AND TEA, YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING
YOUR OWN LUNCH.

MEDIA CLUB!

Do you like to read/listen to books, watch movies, listen to podcasts or other forms of media? We'd love to get together the **3rd Tuesday** of the month at **6:30pm** at **Michael's Market & Bistro** to have a relaxed evening and talk about what you're doing! Support & resources, as always, are available!





CAFE CHAT

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(CHURCH ACROSS FROM
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AT
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Kindering embraces children of diverse abilities and their families by providing the finest education and therapies to nurture hope, courage and the skills to soar.



WA STATE FATHERS NETWORK MONTHLY WEBINARS

Cost: Free

Time: 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual - A Zoom link will be sent a week before each session to those who registered

Men, Women and All Couples Are Welcome

All Sessions Will Be Recorded

SESSION SCHEDULE

- June 7: Supporting Bilingualism for Children with Special Needs
- July 5: How to Share the Load When Raising a Child with Behavioral Challenges
- August 2: Sexual Assault Awareness & Response: What Parents and Caregivers Need to Know
- September 6: Special Education: 10 Tips for Advocating for Your Child
- October 4: Financial Strategies
- November 1: Guardianships and Special Needs Trusts
- December 6: Effective Communication as Couples After the Arrival of Children

Register for one or more sessions. The registration page contains links to the session descriptions and information about the presenters.

[Register](#)



This event is sponsored by the Washington State Fathers Network, a program of Kindering.

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For more information on any of
our upcoming events, please email
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Thanks!



[Informing Families](#)

Beginning July 16th, 2022, you can call, text, or chat 988 to be connected to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL). This service is free and confidential. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.

Services will be available in English and Spanish. Interpretation services will be offered in over 250 languages as well. For individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, and TTY users you may use your preferred relay service or dial 711 then 1-800-273-8255.

To read more, please click [here](#).

Local Support Groups

Autism Society of WA Grant Co. Chapter
Please call Brian o Laura Jacobsen at 509-717-0076 for more information.
grant@autismsocietyofwa.org

Down Syndrome Society of Grant County
For more information check out their website at: www.DSSGC.org,
Email: cbuddywalk@gmail.com
Or call: Denise Ketola al 360-903-3201



Inter-agency Coordinating Councils

Grant County

Meets monthly via Zoom

For more information please contact:

509-664-3781

Adams County

Meets bi-annually, for more information please
contact:

Columbia Basin Health
Association at:

509-488-5255



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Tips to Organize Your Child’s Medical and School Documents

Care planning and a well-organized system to keep track of important documents can save time and create comfort during uncertain times. This article provides some tips for building a “care notebook,” which might be a three-ring binder, an accordion file, or a portable file box—whatever makes sense for your organizational style and the types of materials you need to sort.

[Read: Tips to Organize Your Child’s Medical and School Documents](#)

sometimes, you just
need a break. in a
beautiful place. alone.
to figure everything
out.



DDA

Quarterly Message - Summer 2022

Greetings,

I hope you are staying cool and having fun with your loved ones this summer. This time of the year can be such a fantastic time to explore the great Pacific Northwest. Recently, our partners at Informing Families created a [summer guide](#) for folks on the no-paid services caseload. This caseload consists of DDA clients who do not receive a paid service. And for the last 12+ years, clients on the NPS caseload did not have access to a case manager. Thanks to Senator Braun and Senator Keiser for partnering to champion [Senate Bill 5819](#) which brings back case managers for NPS clients! This legislative funding and support will allow us to create a 300:1 NPS case load ratio.

We are working on creating decision packages as we prepare for the 2023 legislative session. Decision packages are funding requests from state agencies to be included in the governor's

budget. All final packages will be posted to the OFM website by early October. You can find previous request packages [here](#).

Last year, we released the first ever NPS caseload [report](#) to the legislature. The report highlighted our outreach and included quotes from clients and their families. This year's report will also feature quotes. I am proud of the work we do and will happily share good stories as much as possible. Here is a sampling of quotes that recently warmed my heart, caused me to smile, or encouraged me to strive for better supports:

"If you speak to my old case manager Christine, please tell her thank you so much. I really appreciate the services that she provided to me."

"She is doing wonderful! She is starting Community College soon and moving away from home!"

"No one has ever called us like this. I am so happy; my daughter really needs the support. I just need to talk to her first. This is so great, thank you so much!"

"We are very interested, we just don't know what you offer. We could really use medical supplies."

"I don't need anything right now, but maybe in the future."

"I just want to be left alone."

"That's funny! I was just thinking of calling you guys!"

"Thanks so much for calling, you're the first person to ever try and help, this is just awesome!"

"I appreciate you so much, your call is so timely!...I'm just so glad she's not lost!"

"You know what? Yeah. I want to become a better parent."

"Transportation is huge need everywhere, but is totally horribly messed up in King County."

"I really appreciate you checking in, I don't need any extra support right now though."

"That is so wonderful that the state is reaching out proactively."

"I'm starting to get an idea of the scope of your services, thank you!"

"All of these services sound great, can I request all of them?"

"This is a little emotional for me, I have been waiting for this for a long time."

"I homeschool and care for him 24 hours a day. You called me at the perfect time. I need some me time."

"We don't go anywhere. My child cannot travel. It would be a huge relief to have someone we know and who knows our child to be able to provide personal care."

"I don't need anything right now, but maybe in the future."

"I have never received help before; it would be so great to get sensory items for my son."

"As she is getting older her behaviors are more of a concern. I wish I could have a service that was more helpful with her schooling. I was told I was not eligible to receive services. But, she does need them."

"Thank you so much! You know when you feel like you are drowning, and someone reaches out-- it feels like someone just threw me a life preserver! You get us in touch with the person who can pull it back."

If you or someone you know wants to learn more about working at DDA or a community partner, please see our [latest news](#) or sign up for [updates](#). We are continuously sending news updates and job openings. We also have videos to highlight staff's experiences like this one from [the community residential team](#) or this one about [supported living](#). Go to careers.wa.gov to apply with DDA.

Stay well.
Debbie Roberts
DDA Assistant Secretary



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[Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction \(OSPI\)](#)

[Center for Children with Special Healthcare Needs](#)

[The Individuals With Disabilities Act \(IDEA\)](#)

[Developmental Disabilities Administration](#)

[Department of Early Learning \(ESIT\)](#)

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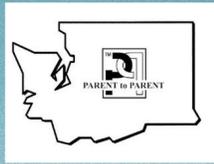
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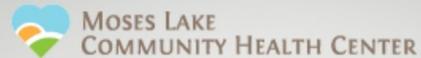
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The Parent to Parent Support Programs provide emotional support, education and information to families of children with special needs and/or disabilities.

Personal support from another parent, who has a child with similar needs, can be helpful in coping with many challenging experiences and feelings.

Helping parent volunteers have completed a training program and are available to provide support and information to other parents. All information will be kept confidential. There is no cost for this service.



Moses Lake Community Health Center is the Grant/Adams Parent to Parent lead agency.

(you do not have to be a patient of Moses Lake Community Health Center to use

Parent to Parent services, they are open to all in our communities)

Moses Lake Community Health Center is committed to providing high quality, compassionate and comprehensive primary health services for the entire family, with a special focus on the underserved and migrant farm worker in our community.

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