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WA State Support Information to place on WSLHA website:

AAC

Northwest Augmentative Communications Society (NWACS)

www.nw-accs.org

Non-profit, all volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing the communication effectiveness of persons who can benefit from augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). Sponsors seminars open to AAC users, families/caregivers, and professionals multiple times throughout the year. Internet resource list on website.

Special Education Technology Center (SETC)

Central Washington University

400 E University Way, Mailstop 7413

Ellensburg, WA 98926-7411

fax (509) 963-3355

www.cwu.edu/~setc

etc@cwu.edu

Assists school district staff with special technology needs of special education students aged preschool through 21 years who receive special education services. Has a lending library of toys, switches, augmentative communication devices, alternate keyboards, and other computer input devices, environment control devices and software designed for students with special needs.

Washington Assistive Technology Act Program

UW Center for Technology and Disability Studies

Maria Kelley, OTR/L

AT Specialist

University of Washington

Box 357920

Seattle, WA 98195-7920

(206) 616-9580 VM

1-800-214-8731 Toll-Free

1-866-866-0162 TTY

<http://watap.org/>

uwat@u.washington.edu

WATAP provides services and information about assistive technology to Washington residents w/ disabilities. Our primary services is the AT demonstration and device loan program.

Consumers w/ disabilities or their advocates can schedule an appt. w/ us to receive a demonstration of specific AT. Demos are of no cost to the individual; the goal is to assist an individual w/ a disability to the technology so they can make an informed decision on AT devices. Consumers can also borrow AT devices for up to 6 weeks for a small fee. Fees are waived if they cannot afford it. The device loans are also available to healthcare providers. Requests for high end AAC devices require the involvement of an SLP.

Autism Spectrum

Asperger Support Network

<http://www.aspergersnw.org/seattleschools.htm>

Autism Empowerment

http://www.autismempowerment.org/home/support_groups

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Non-profit volunteer program founded in Vancouver, WA that has community outreach programs, resources, multimedia outreach, support groups, etc.

Autism Guidebook for Washington State: A Resource for Individuals, Families, and Professionals

<http://here.doh.wa.gov/materials/autism-guidebook>

This publication was developed by the Governor's Caring for Individuals with Autism Task Force. It is a 142-page comprehensive guide with information on a variety of issues and resources on caring for an individual with autism spectrum disorder, including: defining autism, medical aspects, components of an instruction program, community transition, future life planning and community autism awareness training.

Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT) of Washington

www.featwa.org

Non-profit organization develops annual Resource Guide of area physicians, therapists, and other resources. Also conducts workshops in the area. Assistance and support to families.

Somali American Autism Support

www.saaswa.org

(206)372-5543 or (206)422-4106

saaswa2011@gmail.com

Local Somali parents of autistic children have created a support group specifically for other Somali parents to help explain what Autism is and provide support and help along the way.

South King County (SKC) Autism Support Group

Children's Therapy Center

Hummingbird Hangout 2nd Floor

10811 SE Kent-Kangley Rd

Kent, WA 98030

Offers educational opportunities, resource information sharing and discussion of shared experiences in a confidential and respectful environment on the 2nd Tuesdays of the month from 7-8pm. Please RSVP Angel Townsend, Parent Organizer/Facilitator at townsend@msn.com or (206) 330-4264

Square Pegs Social Club

<http://www.meetup.com/Squarepegs/>

Meetings held around the state for teens, young adults, and adults diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome, PDD-NOS, Autism Spectrum, Autism, or those with shyness and social anxiety to hang out and support one another.

Camps

Blue Compass Adventure Camps for Teens

Peter Weiss, Program Director

(206) 245-9975

pweiss@bluecompasscamps.com

Therapeutic wilderness adventure programs and camps for adolescents who can benefit from highly structured, novel and nurturing peer group experiences. Camps may take place in the San Juan Islands, North Cascades and/or Olympic Mountains. Possible programs may include: sea kayaking camp for teens with Asperger's, Autism, and ADHD, backpacking camp for teens

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with Asperger's, Autism, and ADHD, and a camp for teens with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD).

Camp Berachah

www.campberachah.org

253-939-0488

Natalie Head, Special Needs Coordinator, nhead@campberachah.org

These camps are for kids ages 6-18 and are available for both day and overnight sessions.

Examples of conditions which can be accommodated are: ADHD/ADD, Autism, Visually impaired, Deaf/Hard of hearing, Down Syndrome & other physical limitations or developmental delays. A pre-screening application is required.

Camp Sealth (Vashon Island)

Special Family Weekend (Memorial Day Weekends)

(206)463-3174, ext 35

campprogram@campfire@campfire-usa.org

Opportunity for families with children with special needs to experience the outdoors in an inclusive, supportive environment.

Camp Stand By Me

Easter Seals Washington State

17809 S. Vaughn Road KPN

P.O. Box 289

Vaughn, WA 98394

(253) 884-2722

fax (253) 884-0200

www.wa.easterseals.com

Saturday Club (King County) through Camp Fire USA

Highland Community Center

14224 Bel-Red Rd

Bellevue, WA 98007

John Muir Elementary

3301 S Horton St

South Seattle, WA 98144

Olympic View Elementary

504 NE 95th St

North Seattle, WA 98115

www.campfire-usa.org/specialsaturdayclub/kingssc.htm

Serves children with disabilities aged 4 yrs through 12 years and children without disabilities aged 4 years through 10 yrs. Each session is staffed by an adult program manager and two to four teens trained in Camp Fire USA's Special Sitter's Program to care for kids with special needs.

University of Washington Speech and Hearing Clinic

<http://depts.washington.edu/sphsc/communicationcamps/>

Communication Camps during Summer Quarter (June - August). This intensive, summer program is designed to help children develop and strengthen their language, literacy, and social interaction skills for successful communication and participation in life. Communication Camps

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are summer-only, intensive treatment programs consisting of 2 ½ hours of combined individual and group speech therapy offered twice weekly for 7 weeks. Groups will focus on Language & Literacy, Social Skills, or Deaf & Hard of Hearing. An individualized program will be provided for each child by closely supervised graduate student clinicians in speech language pathology.

Coding and Regulatory

WAC 182-545-200 Outpatient rehabilitation (OT, PT, SLP)

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=182-545-200>

(Probably more in the area of WAC)

Washington State Dept of Health Licensing for Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate.aspx>

Washington State Hospital Association

<http://www.wsha.org/>

300 Elliott Avenue West

Suite 300

Seattle, WA 98119

(206) 281-7211

fax (206) 283-6122

Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind

Washington state Hands and Voices

<http://www.wahandsandvoices.org/>

PO Box 4022

Bellevue, WA 98009

425-268-7087

fax 877-289-2796

info@wahandsandvoices.org

Parent non-profit organization that provides support (resources, networks, information) to families with children who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing.

Early Intervention

Washington State Department of Early Learning

<http://www.del.wa.gov/development/esit/Default.aspx>

Feeding/Swallowing

Children with Special Health Care Needs Washington State

<http://depts.washington.edu/cshcnut/about/index.html>

Community-based nutrition and feeding team services for children with special health care needs and their families in WA state. Lists of professionals and workshops/conferences and training programs in the area.

Pediatric Feeding Association (PFA)

www.pedsfeeds.com

info@pedsfeeds.com

Professional community of practice founded by 13 pediatric feeding professionals and parents of children with severe feeding issues. Ability to locate feeding providers for babies, children, and adolescents who struggle with feeding and swallowing. Links of resources listed to support

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families and professionals. Sponsors several presentations a year available to families/caregivers and professionals.

South King/North Pierce Tube Feeding Support Group

Valerie Wiebe

Children's Therapy Center of Kent

10811 SE Kent-Kangley Road

Kent, WA 98030

(253)517-8947

wiebefamily4@yahoo.com

Support group for parents of tube-fed children by parents, for parents. Goal is to provide an arena where parents can share experiences, provide support, and exchange information and resources regarding tube feeding. Starts the first Thursday of each month beginning Oct 1, 2009. 6:45-8:15 pm in the Upstairs conference room. To promote discussion they request that only adults attend or that babes be in arms only.

Funding-Support

Ben's Fund

<http://www.featwa.org/2012/09/06/bens-fund-grant-instructions/>

Grants to families who need financial assistance with treatment services and equipment specifically related to autism spectrum disorder treatments in WA.

Today's Hope

<http://www.todayshopeautism.org/>

Seattle-based non-profit created by a Behavioral Consultant, Grayon Agar. Their vision is for *today*...how do we help these kids who are impacted *now*? It's mission is to provide families the opportunity to access early intervention services...\$1,000 per mos for three years for each family. Today's Hope will raise funds and then award scholarships by need and pay directly to the provider. The big fundraiser for the year is called "Host for the Hope" and it's designed for people across the county to have a personal event of their choice to raise money without attending some big fancy auction/event. You will be provided with a DVD that talks about Today's Hope and asks your guests to support this amazing cause. It's a personal way to ask your friends to support a much needed cause that has touched your life (some way/shape/form) personally.

Health Care

Adolescent Health Transition Project

www.depts.washington.edu/healthtr

Designed to help smooth the transition from pediatric to adult health care for adolescents with special health care needs. This site is a resource for information, materials, and links to other people with an interest in health transition issues.

Community Health Access Program

Washington Health Foundation

600 Stewart Street, Suite 601

Seattle, WA 98101

(206) 284-0331

1-800-756-5437

fax (206) 284-0274

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www.whf.org/Programs/chap.aspx
healthiestState@whf.org

King County direct service program that assists families and individuals with access to culturally and linguistically appropriate health care and social services (e.g. finding affordable health care or insurance, health-screening services, doctors, dentists, midwives, nurses, medical or dental clinics with sliding fees, support services, prenatal care, etc.). Hours Mon-Fri 8am-5:30pm

The Center for Children with Special Needs

www.cshcn.org

Information and resources for parents and professionals who advocate and care for children with special health care needs.

Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA)

www.hca.wa.gov

Website offers information on health care insurance plans for Washington State Residents.

Washington State Department of Health

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/Home.aspx>

Washington State Department of Health - Children with Special Health Care Needs Program

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/InfantsChildrenandTeens/HealthandSafety/ChildrenwithSpecialHealthCareNeeds.aspx>

Provides information on referrals, available services, and links to partners involved in coordinating care for children with special health care needs.

Starting Point Resource Guide

<http://cshcn.org/sites/default/files/webfm/file/StartingPointGuide.pdf>

Guide to resources in Washington State for children with special health care needs. It includes information on getting legal help, child care and respite, health insurance, medical supplies and equipment, school, transportation and more. Each resource includes phone numbers, email, websites, and a list of services.

Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner

<http://www.insurance.wa.gov/>

Sensory Friendly Movies

Kent Station AMC theatre hosts "Sensory Friendly Films" for children with autism and other disabilities. This is the link <http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=sensoryfilms> to the Autism Society of America which has the schedule for upcoming showings. The movies are sponsored by the ASA and AMC and the Kent Station AMC Theatre is the only one in Washington that is showing them.

Special Education

The Special Education Support Center

www.specialeducationsupportcenter.org

877-843-1343

Are you a parent or educator trying to locate special education services in Washington State? If so, there is a website that provides information & support on instructional practices, agency services for students with disabilities & listings of post-high school opportunities for students.

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Washington State Parent to Parent
Susan Atkins, State Coordinator
2638 State Ave NE
Olympia, WA 98506
(800) 821-5927 or (425) 641-7504

www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/stateneeds/parent2parent.aspx

Personal support and information from another parent who has a child with similar needs in coping, etc.

King County Parent to Parent

Cathy Murahashi is the King County Parent to Parent Coordinator (also called P2P) ARC of King County. muracat@aol.com

Tues/Thurs (206) 829-7039

Wed/Fri (425) 643-4048

For groups, sibshops, one-to-one parent matching

Email Groups:

send an e-mail to P2PKingco-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to subscribe to the YahooGroup

Send blank email to

kentparents-subscribe@yahoogroups.com<<mailto:kentparents-subscribe@yahoogroups.com>> for Kent School District parents

parentsplace-subscribe@yahoogroups.com<<mailto:parentsplace-subscribe@yahoogroups.com>> for Parent Place group

Stroke

Valley Medical Center (VMC) Stroke Club

<https://www.valleymed.org/our-services/neuroscience/stroke/resources---support-groups/>

425-228-3440, ext 5665

Free monthly meetings on Tuesdays for stroke survivors and caregivers at VMC's Medical Arts Center, First Floor, conference Room A. Topics generated by participants and subject to change, please see annual schedule and directions on website.

Stuttering

Eastside Stuttering Support Group

<http://everhear.com/community/stuttering-support-group/>

Monthly group meetings held every third Wednesday of the month in the Evergreen Physician and Surgical Center,

TAN134,

1233 NE 130th Ln,

Kirkland, WA, 98034

from 6-8pm associated with the National Stuttering Association. Safe and comfortable place to meet and converse between those who stutter or those who support stuttering.

National Stuttering Association (NSA) Seattle chapter

We meet every third Saturday of the month (except July and August) 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at

Broadview Public Library,

12755 Greenwood Ave. N.,

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Seattle, WA 98133

This is a **support** group. It is a safe and understanding environment for those who stutter, loved ones of people who stutter or anyone interested in stuttering. You are welcome to use any speech techniques that you feel comfortable using or stutter freely without judgment.

Contacts: Stacey Fitzenrider stacmac68@hotmail.com or Andy Fitzenrider AJFitzenri@comcast.net

National Stuttering Association (NSA) Olympia chapter

Meetings take place on the third Saturday of each month, 10:00 – noon at

Tugboat Annies,

2100 W. Bay Drive NW,

Olympia, WA 98502.

We welcome people who stutter (PWS), parents and SLPs. Call Craig Zora 360-589-9854 in advance if interested in attending.

Support

The ARC of Washington

2638 State Avenue NE

Olympia, WA 98506

360-357-5596 or toll-free 1-888-754-8798

fax (360) 357-3279

<http://www.arcwa.org/>

info@arcwa.org

Non-profit organization that provides advocacy and support for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Fathers Network

www.fathersnetwork.org

Supports fathers and families raising children with special health care needs and developmental disabilities in Washington State.

Open Doors for Multicultural Families

<http://multiculturalfamilies.org/wordpress/>

location: 24700 Military Rd S (36th Ave S), #105

Kent, WA 98032

Mail: 4327 S 253rd St

Kent, WA 98032

(253) 216-4479

fax (253) 499-0014

info@multiculturalfamilies.org

Ensures that families who have family members with developmental disabilities and special health care needs have equal access to culturally and linguistically appropriate information, resources and services.

ParentHelp123.org

www.parenthelp123.org/

800-322-2588

help@parenthelp123.org

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Program of WithinReach, helps WA state families apply for health and food programs online, and locate resources in their local communities. The website has health information for pregnant women, parents of new babies, and families with children.

The Parenting Clinic

www.son.washington.edu/centers/parenting-clinic/

Provides information on programs designed to increase emotional/social health and reduce behavior problems in young children four to eight years old.

Parent Trust

www.parenttrust.org

2200 Rainier Avenue South

Seattle, WA 98144

(206) 233-0156

fax (206) 233-0604

information@parenttrust.org

Web site includes parenting tips and listings for support groups across Washington State.

Sibshops

http://www.siblingsupport.org/sibshopsearch?sibshop_country=us&sibshop_state=WA&portal_type%3Alist=BusinessMember

Support for siblings of children with special needs.

Talaris Research Institute

www.talaris.org

Talaris Research Institute is dedicated to discovering how children think, feel and learn. This website provides research spotlights that teach parents more about child development, reading lists for children, a development timeline and other resources.

Thrive By Five Washington

www.thrivebyfivewa.org

1218 Third Avenue

8th Floor

Seattle, WA 98101

p (206) 621-5555 | f (206) 652-0761

info@thrivebyfivewa.org

Provides information and resources to enhance parent education and support, child care, preschool, and other early learning environments throughout Washington state.

Tourette Syndrome

Tourette Syndrome Association of Washington and Oregon, Inc.

206-621-2108

17122 140th Avenue East

Puyallup, WA 98374

support@tsa-waor.org

Volunteer non-profit organization affiliated with the national Tourette Syndrome Association that offers information, support and resources regarding Tourette Syndrome and its related conditions.

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