



Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs

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COMMUNICATION NETWORK MEETING

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CYSHCN Communication Network Purpose:

Provide for exchange of information among those programs and entities that serve children with special health care needs and their families and facilitate an opportunity to learn more about statewide policies, programs and issues critical to this unique population.

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Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Program Update

www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/InfantsChildrenandTeens/HealthandSafety/ChildrenwithSpecialHealthCareNeeds.aspx

Staff Updates

The CYSHCN Program is delighted to welcome Khimberly Schoenacker to our team as the new CYSHCN Nutrition Consultant. Khim comes to us with over 20 years nutrition experience in a variety of settings, focusing on Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. She has worked in home care, led feeding teams, worked as the lead dietician of a gastroenterology clinic and, most recently, served the manager of the WIC program in Shelton.

Child Health Intake Form (CHIF) Database

The CHIF database is in the final stages of incorporating an Import feature to allow interested users to report quarterly using a populated CSV file rather than manual data entry. In addition, updates to the race and ethnicity fields are in the process of being incorporated to allow for more for more options in data selection. Finally, interested agencies can reach out to Sarah Burdette, the CHIF database administrator, for agency reports and data requests.

For more information, contact Sarah Burdette at 360-688-3251 or sarah.burdette@doh.wa.gov.

Washington Statewide Leadership Initiative (WSLI) and DOH Family Engagement

The WSLI coalition has wrapped up work in Systems Mapping and strategic planning. The Steering Committee is planning to host a virtual summit in the summer of 2021.

The Family Navigation Workgroup has been on hold throughout most of the COVID-19 response period. This group will be resuming in the coming months.

For more WSLI or DOH Family Engagement information, contact Nikki Dyer at 360-236-3536 or nikki.dyer@doh.wa.gov.

CYSHCN Program Nutrition Updates

I recently joined the team in March 2021 and have been onboarding ever since. To learn and grow in this new position, I have also decided to participate in the UW LEND program beginning in September 2021. I have had the opportunity to support Nutrition Network through the UW CHDD as they re-build a new domain: NutritionNetworkwa.org. I was also able to attend the Nutrition Network conference on 5/17 and the WA Feeding Team conference on 5/18.

For more information, please contact Khimberly Schoenacker at 360-236-3573 or khimberly.schoenacker@doh.wa.gov.

CSHCN Rule (Washington Administrative Code-WAC) Update

The Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Program Chapter 246-710 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) is now final.

To review details, please go to <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=246-710>

Thank you to the members of the CSHCN Communication Network that reviewed and provided input into the language.

For more information, contact Monica Burke at 360-236-3504 or monica.burke@doh.wa.gov.

Essentials for Childhood (EFC)

EfC is updating our project structure and approach to our work.

- The EfC Steering Committee includes about 30 people representing statewide and local agencies and organizations and parents. We are increasing community representation to be a forum for connecting community and state leaders to share what is working, listen and learn from each other, and identify barriers and strategies to overcome them.

- A smaller Leadership Group plans Steering Committee meetings and development of EfC approaches.
- EfC is using the “[Racism as a Root Approach](#)” (Malawa, Gaarde and Spellen) to analyze policies and strategies for their potential to address the root causes of racial disparities.
- We recognize that we to achieve long-term outcomes of increasing family resilience and preventing child abuse and neglect our work is informed by and responsive to parent and caregiver needs. We are starting this with a series of parent/care meetings this summer to set the foundation for a permanent approach to parent/caregiver inclusion in EfC.
- We are developing an inventory of policies and strategies in place here in Washington that build family resiliency and prevent child maltreatment. This will inform future adoption of policies and strategies by state and community parents. And it will create baseline data for the identification of assets and gaps, and to allow tracking of adoption of policies strategies over time.

Free Vroom Materials and Technical Assistance – Applications due June 11, 2021

The Washington State Department of Health, Essentials for Childhood Program is offering “starter sets” of [Vroom™](#) print materials and technical assistance on how to use Vroom. This is suitable for any organization that serves or reaches families of young children (from prenatal through age five) in Washington State, even if early learning isn’t your primary focus.

Vroom Materials are intended to raise awareness about the importance of brain building and the simplicity and fun of Vroom. These starter set of Vroom materials are intended to help organizations become familiar with Vroom brain building tools and messages and comfortable sharing them with families you serve or reach.

To learn about this opportunity and apply:

1. **Review** the “[Vroom Brain Materials and Technical Assistance Opportunity](#)” description for important information and how to apply.
2. [Apply online](#) OR download this [Application Form](#) and send the completed application to Marilyn.Gisser@doh.wa.gov by June 11, 2021, 11:59 pm.

Any updates to the application or this process will be shared via Department of Health subscription “Prevention and Community Health: EFC Vroom Brain Building.” [Manage Subscriptions](#).

Current Washington State Department of Health Brain Building with Vroom grantees are not eligible for this opportunity.

For more information, contact Marilyn Gisser at 360-236-3503 or see www.doh.wa.gov/efc.

Universal Developmental Screening (UDS)

The Universal Developmental Screening (UDS) Data System is on track to go live Fall of 2021. It will serve as a statewide data repository, tracking developmental screenings in children birth through age five. As mentioned in earlier updates, the initial version will allow parents and healthcare providers to view and access data, and the system will be able to generate reports to early childhood partners.

Updates:

- DOH has contracted with an experienced vendor, Care Coordination Systems, to build the system and the project team is working closely with the vendor through this next phase.
- An internal workgroup has been meeting bi-weekly to plan for ongoing program support once the system goes live.

- The project received a major boost when the 2021 state legislature approved our funding request for ongoing maintenance and support. This will enable DOH to provide user support, conduct data analysis, and engage with partners as the system is implemented.
- Stakeholder engagement continues to be a priority. DOH meets monthly with DCYF and Help Me Grow partners, with the goal of coordinating the UDS project with their work on a statewide early childhood resource and referral system. DCYF and the Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics are represented on the UDS Steering Committee, and the department conducts regular outreach with LHJ and tribal partners.

We encourage Communication Network partners to reach out with questions, suggestions, and input!

For more information, contact Marilyn Dold at Marilyn.dold@doh.wa.gov.

MCH LHJ Contracts Updates

After putting plans on hold for the last year, we are finally getting ready to move forward. This includes revising LHJ plans based on the priorities identified in our MCH Needs Assessment. We expect to finalize details in the next few months and implement new plans in 2022.

We are also tentatively planning to conduct our annual regional meetings in person, of course with a virtual option.

For more information, please contact Mary Dussol at 360-236-3781 or mary.dussol@doh.wa.gov.

Guest Presentations

Developmental Disabilities Council Equity & State Plan Discussion

Adana Protonentis & Monica Burke, Developmental Disabilities Council

The Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council’s (DDC) mission is to advocate, promote and implement policies and practices to create pathways to meaningful, integrated and productive lives for people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities over the life course, including but not limited to children and youth. Over the last year, the DDC has worked on creating its new five-year state plan, for 2022-2026. An equity framework was used during its creation and is explained below.

The DDC is requesting community comment on the state plan. **Feedback is due by June 18, 2021**. A high-level overview is provided below, but for more information including a video about the plan, information available in multiple languages, and a more detailed plan including activities, [go here](#).

4 P’s – an [Equity Framework](#)

People

- Who is impacted? Both positively and negatively.
- Intersectionality with other personal identities and potential social or policy issues.
- What is causing the benefits and burdens we see?
- This approach is committed to centering and including the people oppressed by an issue in leadership.

Place

- How is a place and its physical characteristics possibly contributing to issues of inequity?

Process

- How are we engaging communities?

- Awareness of any potentially traumatizing impacts of the process in place.
- It should be easy for the community to be involved.

Power

- Power is behind inequities.
- Who holds the power? How and why?
- How are they held accountable for this power dynamic?
- Aim to shift power and share it with those who have been oppressed and marginalized.

Draft State Plan Overview

Goal 1: Collaboration and Coordination.

- Focus on increasing and improving cross-agency collaboration.
- Centering the voices of individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) and their families.
- Continued presence and voice from individuals with DD and their families.
- Broaden the scope of evidence-based practices to integrate clinical experiences, scientific evidence, and client and family perspectives.
- Build up a formal partner who is focused on self-advocacy for individuals with DD.
- Support authentic engagement for individuals with DD and their families in making recommendations and suggestions to agencies and state policy makers.

Goal 2: Leadership and Advocacy.

- Build the leadership skills and strengthen the voices of those who are impacted by DD.
- Adopt a framework called Partners in Policy Making to develop culturally relevant programs.
- Lead advocacy events, such as Advocacy Days.
- Support self-advocacy organizations.
- Support innovative programs that may be helpful for individuals with DD and their families around equity, access, and service delivery.

Goal 3: Policies, Programs and Practices.

- Advocate for equitable policies, programs, and practices for ALL people with DD and their families.
- Advocate on issues that are important to people with DD and their families.
- Lead efforts that provide resources and supports to help people with DD thrive and flourish.
- Provide information about services and supports that are accurate, responsive, and culturally relevant.
- Apply a framework of intersectionality to identify the most impacted individuals and center them in the work.

Introduction to Open Doors for Multicultural Families

Diana Atanacio

Open Doors is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 2010. Its goal is to meet the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse families so that they have equitable access to disability-related resources and services.

Vision: All culturally and linguistically diverse individuals with development/intellectual disabilities (DD/ID) and their families thrive in an inclusive society of their design. Equity in Action!

Mission: We engage and partner with culturally and linguistically diverse individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities and their families. We use a cultural brokerage model to: navigate services, provide specialized programming, and advocate for systems change.

There are currently about 50 staff working at Open Doors, representing about 23 different languages. The staff represents the people the nonprofit serves: 88% are people of color, 55% are immigrants and/or refugees, and 35% are parents and family members of a person with DD/ID.

1,076 individuals and their families were served in 2019. 861 youth with disabilities were served in 2019.

Open Doors for Multicultural Families primarily serves King County families, it is not a state-wide organization. When families who are outside of King County contact Open Doors, the staff connect them with other organizations like the Arc, that do serve their location and have resources or information available.

All services and programs are being offered virtually due to COVID-19. There are several programs offered including the Family Support Team, which supports individuals with DD/ID and their families, birth to 26 years old. This team works with families to help get a diagnosis, provide cultural navigation, special education support, and homeless prevention program, along with parent support groups, educational workshops, and family fun events. The Family Support Team has assisted over 1,900 families with COVID-19 relief services and supports.

CSHCN Coordinator Updates by County

Gathered from counties and shared on a quarterly basis.

Grays Harbor County Public Health

Erin Schreiber, Program Supervisor, Healthy Families Division

Grant County Health District

Julia Austin, RN, BSN, Public Health Nurse

Mary Castro has joined the CYSHCN team as the Spanish outreach coordinator. I am so happy to be working with Mary to reach out to our Spanish speaking families in Grant County. We are continuing to reach out to families via phone and have not resumed home visiting yet. We continue with monthly ICC meetings with our community partners via ZOOM.

Island County Public Health

Loretta D. Bezold, RN, BSN, IBCLC, Public Health Nurse

ADMINISTRATIVE & EVALUATION UPDATES: Calls, meetings, etc.

- Optional calls were not participated in during this quarter.
- Quarterly call was missed due to illness.

Please share work you are doing in COVID response that relates to the MCH population, or anything else you would like us to know about how COVID is affecting your work.

Currently I am not doing any COVID work specific to the MCH population. I have encouraged our Health Director to consider a COVID vaccination clinic for children when the vaccine becomes available.

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

What would you like to share with regional/statewide CYSHCN partners? Highlights, questions, challenges, etc.

CHALLENGE: Preoccupation with the pandemic (in addition to extreme lack of PHN staff) has made it difficult to focus on services for the CYSHCN population. That being said, when referrals occur I follow up with the families as quickly as possible.

CHALLENGE: A severe illness requiring hospitalization and recuperation time for CYSHCN staff occurred impacting work in the program during the first two weeks of March.

Local Strategy: *Community Implementation:* Implement data sharing and referrals to improve service integration for children and youth with special health care needs.

Planned activities:

- Collaborate with other organizations such our Neuro-Development Center (Toddler Learning Center: TLC, local birth – 3 provider), WhidbeyHealth Medical Center Family Birthplace (WHMC FBC), Seattle Children’s Hospital and Clinics, Greenbank Birth Center, and other agencies that provide care to CSHCN and their families.
- Focus on diverse populations within Island County: Latinx 8%, African American 4%, and Asian 5%. Continue efforts to ensure these children have a medical home and access to qualified resources.
- Make referrals to agencies as needed for this population.
- Assist uninsured CYSHCN families to apply for Apple Health.

What’s New?

Collaborate with other organizations such our Neuro-Development Center (Toddler Learning Center: TLC, local birth – 3 provider), WhidbeyHealth Medical Center Family Birthplace (WHMC FBC), Seattle Children’s Hospital and Clinics, Greenbank Birth Center, and other agencies that provide care to CSHCN and their families.

- I participated in a discussion with the director of TLC reaffirming the CYSHCN coordinator’s desire to work with the agency.
- I was able to attend the Autism Partnership of Island County on January 29th. Attendees included the following: local school district personnel, local pediatrician representation, staff from TLC, Island County Human Services (ICHS) staff, Naval Clinic Oak Harbor NAS staff, and local mental health providers as well as parents. Occupational Therapy providers were also present at this meeting. Child Find activities, various screening methods for autism, and an ACE pilot at NAS were highlighted. Services by these providers continue to be provided virtually with a minimal number of in-person appointments for some assessments occurring.
- For this quarter I attended a TLC staff meeting where I introduced myself as well as offered my assistance with children and families who graduate from their services. This was held 2/10/2021

- On February 23rd I personally connected with the RN working for TLC and we discussed how future collaborations would take place.
- On February 26th a Collaboration Plan for our local EIS provider (TLC) was signed by the ICPH Health Director; I assisted with this process.

Focus on diverse populations within Island County: Latinx 8%, African American 4%, and Asian 5%. Continue efforts to ensure these children have a medical home and access to qualified resources.

- Race and ethnicity information is collected during the assessment/intake appointment.

Assist uninsured CYSHCN families to apply for Apple Health.

- If needed, a referral to Apple Health/HCP was made. During this quarter all children had a medical home.

Other Activities:

- Evaluated and ensured current paperwork available meets chart requirements.
- Developed paperwork to assist with assessments as well as gathering of data to support CHIF entry.
- Notified pediatricians of ability to support families and CYSHCN.

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Factors to success or barriers

SUCCESS: Prior work in this position (CYSHCN Coordinator) assisted in reaffirming connections with community providers. Many of the people involved in organizations as well as providers remain in positions they held earlier.

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Local Strategy 4 - Resources: Provide local community resource information and statewide resources currently housed at WithinReach and www.cshcn.org to families of CYSHCN to increase awareness and linkages to community resources and local service systems.

What's New?

- Referrals to TLC, ICPH WIC program, ICHS, and other programs were given after a needs assessment was completed for the child and family.
- If needed, assistance with registration for Apple Health was given.
- Continued monitoring of emails from both CYSHCN and CHIF programs resulted in the acquisition of the CYSHCN COVID flyer.

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Factors to success or barriers

CHALLENGE: Lack of PHN staff and duties required in the COVID vaccine response as well as other DOH required programs limit the total amount of time spent in perusing the WithinReach and www.cshcn.org websites.

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Local Strategy

Planned activities:

- Continue to hand out list of local resources as well as WithinReach resources
- Talk to family about community resources and local services available

What's New?

- Assistance was given to the ICPH WIC coordinator for development of an agreement to facilitate the sharing of client information to the CYSHCN program.
- After assessment and monitoring conversations with families, local and statewide resources are given if appropriate.

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Factors to success or barriers

SUCCESS: Staff for both the WIC and CSHCN programs work from the same office/home as well as ICPH.

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Universal Developmental Screening

Local Strategy 4 – Organizational Implementation: Increase the number of community and/or parent group orientation sessions on UDS with content to include developmental growth, milestones, benefits of early screening and detection, frequency of screening, access to screening, and importance of implementing activities or services to support child development.

Planned activities:

- Implement group sessions on growth, developmental milestones, early screening, immunizations etc, during my home/office visits to parents and caregivers
- Potentially start a community educational parent group that targets developmental milestones, typical early child development, community resources available for families etc

What's New?

- The pandemic precludes in-person group sessions. Most services (WIC, DSHS, etc) are conducted virtually.
- No activities this quarter.

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Jefferson County Public Health
Apple Martine, Community Health Director

Pacific County Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
Princess Klus, Care Coordinator-Family Navigator

San Juan County
Kristen Rezabek, MS, RDN, CD, CDE

San Juan County HCS has been holding 3-4 COVID vaccine clinics weekly across the Counties and over 60% of our community has initiated at least one dose of the COVID vaccine, the highest in the State. We are now working on planning and logistics in anticipation of Emergency Use Authorization for 12 and up to start vaccinating our pediatric population. Meeting monthly with San Juan County Autism Collaborative and efforts underway to conduct Autism evaluations and diagnoses. Working with providers to identify resources and supports such as ABA that is not currently offered in our County but may be possible through teletherapy.

Implementing an oral health access project in partnership with the North Sound ACH LIN and Medical Teams International for Mobile dental vans on Orcas, Lopez, and San Juan Island 2021. Vans held on January 13-16 on San Juan and in March 1-2 on Lopez and 3-6 on San Juan with over 91 patients seen at a value of \$48,150 in treatment provided. The tele-dentistry component is on hold while we train our new Dental Access Coordinator and our School Based Sealant project has been postponed until hopefully Fall 2021. The Arcora Foundation SmileMobile was on Orcas providing treatment to children and pregnant/postpartum women April 26-29

Spokane Regional Health District

Spokane County CYSHCN program updates

- Receiving referrals from ESIT, MFRB, and parents
- Making connections with school districts and community partners
- Referrals from WorkFirst for nursing evaluations
- Working with Darci Ladwig of Informing Families to offer DDA presentation via Zoom to CYSCHN families
- Continue assisting with COVID work, though has decreased considerably
- Heather Gallagher, SRHD Healthy Families Program Manager, has resigned effective 5/21/21 and will be taking on her new role as the statewide Access to Baby and Child Dentistry program manager at the Arcora Foundation

Thurston County Public Health and Social Services

We have not received one referral from MBCH NDP and Good Samaritan Therapy since they stopped sending the CHIF's to us. MBCH NDP and Good Samaritan Therapy was several of my largest referrals to our program in Thurston County.

CYSHCN coordinator and our other MCH/NFP nurses have been helping in our county's COVID vaccination clinics.

CYSHCN coordinator along with several other MCH nurses have been providing input to the county-wide opioid response pregnant and parenting plan.

Our health dept. is now talking about what it will take to be safe visiting our families. Our admin is advising outside visits only, for all of us to wear masks at all times on visits, and for the all family members we have contact visit with also wear a mask. We are now highly encouraged to have discussions and use Motivational Interviewing

techniques for clients that are COVID 19 vaccine hesitant. To make our visits safer and getting back to indoor visits, there is also talk in our dept. to possibly have our visiting nurses give the COVID 19 vaccine in the client's home.

Yakima County- Children's Village

Tracie Hoppis

Neurodevelopmental Center (NDC) Updates

Peace Health Children's Therapy - Whatcom County

Kris Gaggero Clinic Manager

Children's Therapy Skagit Valley Hospital

Erin Kavi Lead Therapist

www.skagitvalleyhospital.org

We are treating patients both virtually and in the clinic. We are treating less patients per day to allow for thorough

Children's Therapy Valley Medical Center

Kari Tanta, Rehab Manager

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Kinderling

Kathy Fortner Director of Operations

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HOLLY RIDGE

Alicia Skelly, Infant Toddler Program Director

Children's Therapy Center

Karen Smith Steadman Early Intervention Program Director and Jodi Van Vleet Center (3-18) Program Director

Health Plan Updates

Amerigroup-Washington

Jackie Matter

www.amerigroupcorp.com

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No updates at this time.

Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW)

www.chpw.org

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No updates at this time.

Coordinated Care

Sherry Bennatts and Azka Bashir

www.coordinatedcarehealth.com

Molina Healthcare of Washington

Mary Blakeman and Margaret Whaley

www.molinahealthcare.com

No updates at this time.

UnitedHealthcare

Cindy Spain and Mandy Herreid

www.uhc.com

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No updates at this time.

Partner Updates

Washington State Parent to Parent Network

Tracie Hoppis

Washington State Medical Home Partnerships Project for CYSHCN

Kate Orville

www.medicalhome.org

University of Washington CSHCN Nutrition Project at CHDD

Mari Mazon, MS, RDN, CD and Sarah Harsh, MS, RDN, CD

University of Washington – Center on Human Development and Disability (CHDD)

Nutrition Training Contract <http://depts.washington.edu/cshcnnut/>

The Nutrition Training contract between the CSHCN Program, DOH, and CHDD-UW, provides training and technical assistance to registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs) that are part of the CSHCN Nutrition Network, and to Community Feeding Teams, as well as projects related to improving nutrition through medical nutrition therapy and feeding team services.

Nutrition Network (NN) Training and Development

1. Nutrition Network Meeting - The next meeting will be held on Zoom on Monday, May 17, 2021. Agenda topics include working with anxious eaters, celiac disease, and eosinophilic esophagitis.
2. Nutrition Network Training – The training took place on Zoom on Thursday-Friday January 28-29, 2021. Ten attendees from 5 different counties attended, including 1 UW Pediatric Pulmonary Center Nutrition Trainee.
3. Nutrition Network Journal Club Webinar - The journal club took place on Friday, February 5, 2021. It was facilitated by a UW Pediatric Pulmonary Center Nutrition Trainee, and the article discussed was on the effect of patient-centered communication and racial concordant care on care satisfaction among U.S. immigrants.
4. Nutrition Network Webinar – The Nutrition Network webinar took place on Thursday, February 25, 2021. Topics included nutrition considerations for infants following NICU discharge and calcium metabolism during toddlerhood. Attendees included Nutrition Network members, WA State CYSHCN coordinators, and WA State Community Feeding Teams members.

WA Community Feeding Teams

1. WA State Community Feeding Teams Meeting - The next meeting will be held on Zoom on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Agenda topics include working with anxious eaters, appetite stimulant use in pediatrics, and a case study presentation from a feeding team serving the Bremerton area.
2. Addition of New Feeding Team - We added 1 new interdisciplinary feeding team serving the Central Seattle area.

Hospital to Home Transition

1. Hospital to Home Work Group – Fourteen interdisciplinary feeding teams serving WA State CYSHCN applied for our pilot, 3-day interdisciplinary training on supporting infants and their families transitioning from the hospital to home. Six teams were selected. The first day of the training took place via Zoom on Thursday April 22nd, which

focused on perinatal mood disorders. The second day is scheduled for May 27th, and the last day will be on June 10th.

2. The Nutrition Training Contract was connected with a physician at Seattle Children's Hospital who is working on technology to assist families with care coordination as they transition from hospital to home. First stakeholders meeting is scheduled for May 5th.

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Washington State Fathers Network (WSFN)

Louis Mendoza

www.fathersnetwork.org

- Virtual meetings continue for the Snohomish, East King County, South Puget Sound, and Seattle chapters. The virtual all state meeting continues to be held.
- A new dad group has formed in Yakima and is trying to establish consistency.
- The informal network of people/organizations serving men who have children with special needs children in their life continues to grow. There are now 21 organization members representing 18 cities. Several members of the network, including the WSFN, and other organizations across the country have been working to help organize the Special Fathers Network virtual conference being put on by the Chicago member. The conference will take place May 15th.
- The Telling Your Story with a Purpose workshop is now being offered virtually in 2 parts. The first part teaches the method and part 2 is for practicing the presentation and receiving feedback. Part 1 was offered in March.
- Our East King County chapter held a virtual Super Bowl party.
- Presentations about the WSFN were made to the Puget Sound Special Needs Planning Group, Hope Central, during The Arc of WA virtual advocacy day, as a panel member for the Special Fathers Network out of Chicago and on the podcast, Autism Chose Me.
- As a steering committee member of the Seattle Cultural Accessibility Consortium (SCAC) I wrote a blog post titled An Accessibility Challenge for the Seattle Arts Community.
- Continue to organize Kindering's Spanish language broadcasts on radio station KKMO. Broadcasts were done in January and March.
- Had conversations with Seattle organizations Gay City and the Pride Foundation about the need to serve men in their community who have children with special health care needs.
- As a member of the WA State Interagency Fatherhood Council, planned the statewide fatherhood summit that was held on March 17 and 18.

Family to Family Health Information Center (F2FHIC)

Jill McCormick

www.familyvoicesofwashington.com

No updates at this time.

Open Doors for Multicultural Families

Hodan Mohamad

www.multiculturalfamilies.org

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No updates at this time.

Washington Autism Alliance & Advocacy (WAAA)

Arzu Forough

www.washingtonautismadvocacy.org

No updates at this time.

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Nicole Klein, Health Services Program Supervisor

www.k12.wa.us/HealthServices/default.aspx

See presentation [above](#).

Seattle Children's Hospital

Paula Holmes

www.seattlechildrens.org

No updates at this time.

Lifespan Respite Washington (LRW)

Linda Porter

www.lifespanrespitewa.org

No updates at this time.

WithinReach

Chris Gray

www.withinreachwa.org

No updates at this time.

State Updates

Department of Children, Youth, and Families

Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (DCYF-ESIT)

Lori Holbrook

www.dcyf.wa.gov/esit

If you have questions, please contact Sue Rose, ESIT Stakeholder Engagement Manager, at sue.rose@dcyf.wa.gov.

DSHS, Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), Waiver Unit

Kari Freer

No updates at this time.

DSHS / DDA, Medically Intensive Children's Program
Doris Barret

DSHS, Fostering Well-Being Care Coordination Unit (FWB CCU)
Autumn Wade and Amanda McCleskey

Fostering Well-Being has no new updates at this time.

DSHS / ALTA, Kinship Care and Lifespan Respite
Rosalyn Alber

www.dshs.wa.gov/kinshipcare

No updates at this time.

DOH Screening and Genetics Unit
Nini Shridhar

www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/InfantsChildrenandTeens/HealthandSafety/GeneticServices.aspx

No updates at this time.

Health Care Authority
No updates at this time.

Attachments

- [Agenda \(PDF\) \(wa.gov\)](#)
- [Meeting presentation slides \(PDF\) \(wa.gov\)](#)
- [Meeting recording \(youtu.be\)](#)

Next Meeting

July 1, 2021

Virtual Meeting