

Snohomish County Developmental Disabilities Newsletter May 2023 Edition



Job Foundation Application

❖ Job Foundation engages, connects, and launches efforts earlier for students in their second to last year of Transition (ages 19 to 20 years old) who are eligible with Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). This occurs through discovery and the completion of a Job Foundation Report which includes actionable next steps for paid employment.

- Students who participate in Job Foundation will segue into School to Work (S2W) in their final year of Transition, there is no need to fill out a S2W application.
- [Click here](#) to view a timeline for Job Foundation
- [Click here](#) to learn more about how to choose an Employment Provider
- [Click here](#) to learn more about Person Centered Planning and choosing a facilitator
- Job Foundation Application and Consent links: [English](#) or [Spanish](#)

2023 Transition Resource Fair Data

2023 TRANSITION FAIR DATA SNAPSHOT

300
attendees



13
Sessions

48
Agency Info
Tables



Of those that filled out surveys:

Attendees were from: Everett, Marysville, Lynwood, Mukilteo, Edmonds, Bothell, Mount Vernon, Snohomish, Arlington, and Camano



47% heard about the fair from a teacher or their school

47%

The information in sessions was new to 75% of attendees

75%

The highest attended sessions were S2W, Preparing for Transition and Guardianship

What Attendees liked the Best:

- Networking Ability
- Resource Booths

Recommendations for next year:

- Layout more organized
- More Room
- Start classes 30 minutes after start of fair for attendance.
- Resources on recreation



Workshops community members would like to see offered:

- Advocacy
- IEP 101
- More on Housing

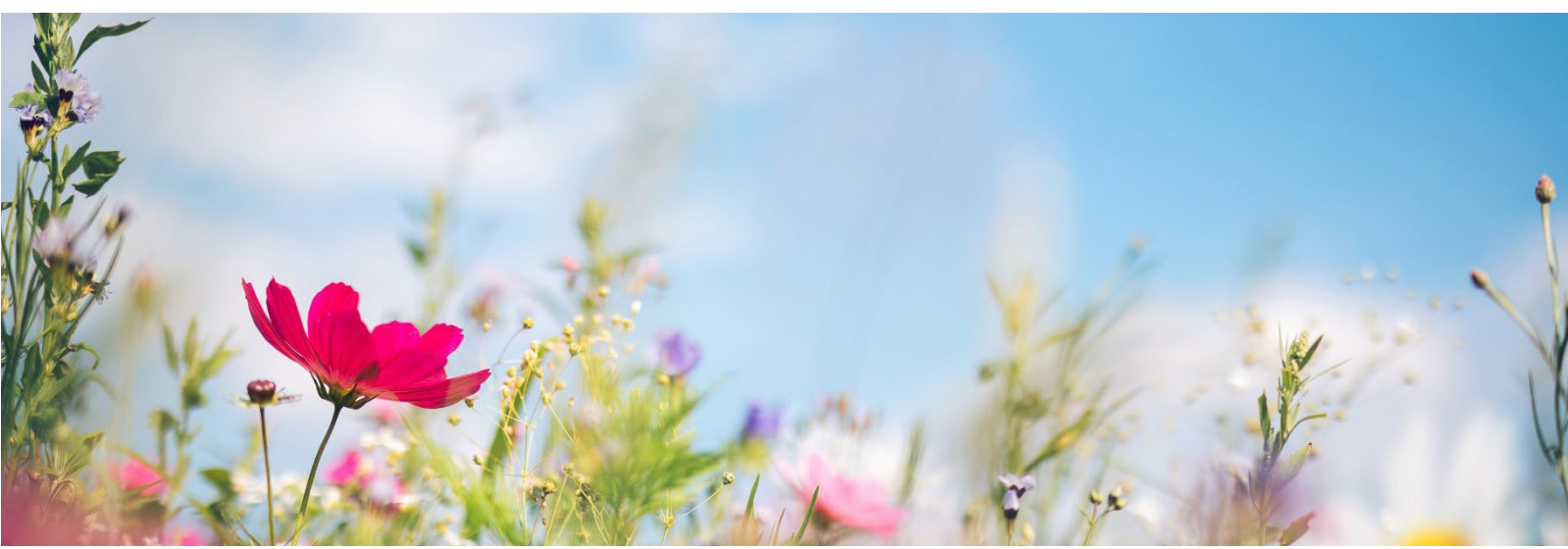


Helpful Websites

Click on the [links](#) below to view websites

- [BenefitsU](#) - Social Security Benefits Planning for DDA Eligible Adults
- [Community Homes](#) -Housing Workshops
- [Developmental Disabilities Administration \(DDA\)](#) - Eligibility and Application
- [Division of Vocational Rehabilitation \(DVR\)](#) - Find your Transition Counselor
- [Everett Transit](#) - Free Youth Transit Pass
- [Goodwill](#) - Job Training & Education
- [Informing Families - 2023 Summer Resources](#)
- [Partners4Housing](#) - Free Residential Assessment
- [Snohomish County Energy Assistance](#)
- [SNOTRAC](#)
- [Social Security - 'The RedBook'](#)
- [The Arc of Snohomish County](#)
- [Wise](#) - Supported Employment Training Opportunities
- For additional resources, please check out our visit our [Resource Books](#) page or visit our [website](#).

❖ [Click here](#) for information and resources from the 2023 fair.



Clubs

❖ Club Independence

- Meets the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm via Zoom
- A monthly group that The Arc of Snohomish County facilitates and is a place for young adult self-advocates to discuss topics for successful independent living.
- [Click here](#) to learn more about Club Independence

❖ Transition Clubs

- The Arc of Snohomish County facilitates monthly clubs in partnership with local school districts and community organizations.
- Transition Clubs use the [Charting the Life Course Tools and Philosophy](#) in order to teach participants and practice the skills for Self-Determination, Self-Awareness and Self-Advocacy.
- [Click here](#) to learn more about the Transition Clubs

Higher Education

❖ Edmonds College: Pursuit Lab – College and Career Prep for Students with Disabilities

- This spring and summer, Pursuit at Edmonds College with the support of [Division of Vocational Rehabilitation \(DVR\)](#), is offering more classes at no cost on workplace readiness, and self-advocacy to prepare students with disabilities between the ages of 16-21 for internships. (14-21 year old students may participate in all classes. You do not have to be a DVR client or have graduated from high school)
- [Click here](#) to view events.

Technology

❖ Technology Opportunities for DDA Clients

- If you have a loved one who is eligible with Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), even if they do not have an assigned case manager, they could be eligible for a free phone.
- [Click here](#) for more information and to access the online form to make a request for a free phone

Training Opportunities

❖ Wise Webinar Series (virtual setting)

- All sessions are 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm & free
- [Click here](#) to view Wise's Training Calendar

❖ Community Summit 2023

- Hosted by DSHS DDA
- June 13-15, 2023
- Wenatchee Convention Center
- [Click here](#) for more information

❖ Arc of Snohomish Events (virtual setting)

- Sexual Abuse Awareness and Response Workshop (via Zoom)
 - ◆ May 8, 2023, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
 - ◆ [Click here](#) to learn more
- Spring Fling Family Fun
 - ◆ May 13, 2023, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 - ◆ [Click here](#) to learn more
- Healthy Relationships, Abuse Awareness, and Online Safety (via Zoom)
 - ◆ May 22, 2023, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
 - ◆ [Click here](#) to learn more
- [Click here](#) to view Arc's Event Calendar