



**King County**  
**Department of Community and Human Services**  
**Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division**  
**BOARD FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MAY AGENDA**

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# Greetings!

- Welcome to May Board for Developmental Disabilities Meeting
- The meeting is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. If the meeting does not start at 3:30 p.m., please stand by as we may be experiencing technical difficulties in launching the meeting on time.

# Closed Captioning and American Sign Language (ASL) Interpretation

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# We Do Audio Description

## WHY?

Help low-vision people picture you

## HOW...

Say your name.  
Use "AGREED" to describe yourself

## NAME

- **A**ge
- **G**ender/Gender Expression
- **R**ace/Skin Color/Ethnicity
- **E**ye and Hair Color
- **E**nvironment/Background
- **D**ress/Clothing/Wearables



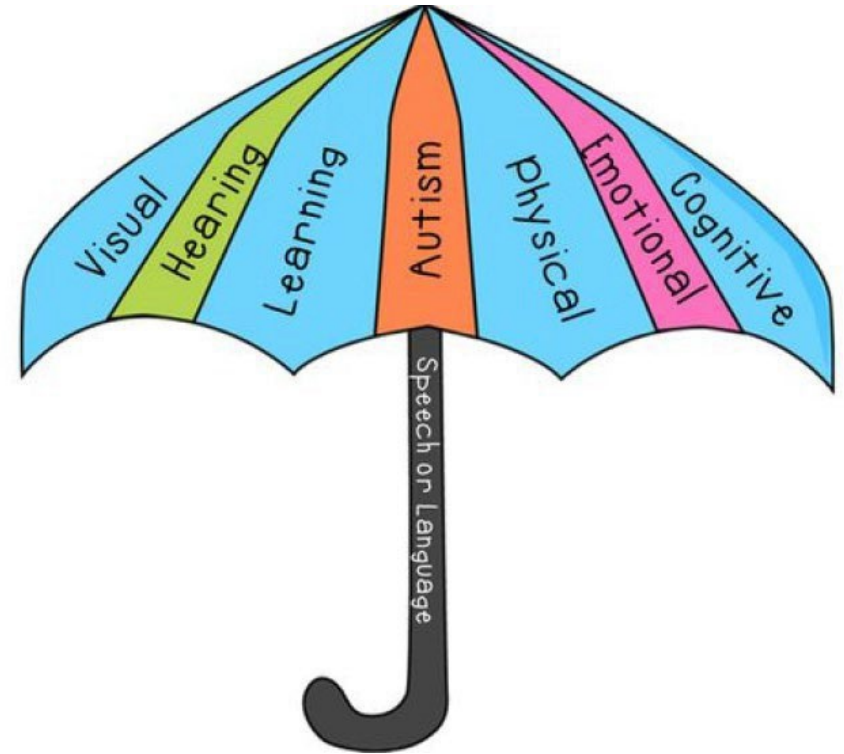
# **Presentations & Presenters**

**Presenters give contact information at the end of their presentation. Look in the Chat Box and feel free to contact them. Some of their slide shows and information sheets will be posted on our website.**



# What is a Developmental Disability?

The Washington State Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) defines a developmental disability as a disability attributed to an intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or another neurological or other condition.





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# **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

**May 2025**



# **May Board Meeting Presentation**

We will have an update  
on the Developmental  
Disabilities and Early  
Childhood Supports  
Division Resource Fair by  
Jenna Wolfstone

# May Board Meeting Presentation

We will have an  
update on the 2025  
Legislative Session  
from Ramona  
Hattendorf with The  
Arc of King County

## **August Board Meeting**

The Board will hold its next hybrid quarterly meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

## Board Activities

Several Board Members will be presenting at the Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division Resource Fair on May 29th, at the Microsoft Campus in Redmond

# Welcome Paul Simon

Paul is the new Region II  
Administrator for the  
Developmental Disabilities  
Administration



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# Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division Report May 2025





# Early Childhood Team



# What's going on?

**Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) Tri-County Community of Practice** | The Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) strategy is launched a second iteration of the D/HH Community of Practice for ESIT D/HH Providers on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> in person in Tukwila.

# What's going on?

**Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) |** The IECMH Summit is taking place mid-May! King County Early Childhood Providers and Professionals who support children prenatal to five and their families are welcome!

- The last day to register was April 28<sup>th</sup>



# What's coming up?

**ESIT Best Starts for Kids** | The ESIT strategy is currently working on the next round of Best Starts for Kids Request for Proposals (RFP). This RFP will be available to providers currently providing ESIT services in King County. The team is in the process of gathering input from families, ESIT Providers, community members, and Best Starts partners. We hope to have the RFP launch in early summer.

The logo features a large white circle centered on a solid blue background. Inside the circle, the text "Adult Services Team" is written in a dark gray, sans-serif font. To the left of the circle, there is a dashed gray arc. At the bottom right of the circle, there is a small, solid dark gray circle.

# Adult Services Team

# What's going on?

**Equity, Racial, and Social Justice Workshop** | The Capacity Development Program hosted a workshop called “Navigating the Transition to Employment: Understanding how the Intersection of Race & Disability

Impacts Decisions for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Young Adults with Disabilities and Their Families.

# What's coming up?

**Equity, Racial, and Social Justice Workshop** | The Capacity Development Program will host another workshop in May called “Supporting Neurodivergent People” facilitated by trainers with lived experience from The Arc of King County.

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# **Community Information Outreach and Referral Team**

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND  
EARLY CHILDHOOD SUPPORTS

# Resource Fair

Thursday, May 29, 2025

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Microsoft Commons

15255 NE 40th St.  
Redmond, WA 98052

This is a **FREE** community event that welcomes people with intellectual and developmental disabilities or delays, their families, caregivers, service providers, teachers, employers, and other interested community members.

Enjoy a variety of workshops and over 50 information tables to connect you with the people and tools to support your goals.

REGISTER TODAY: [kingcounty.gov/disabilities-fair](https://kingcounty.gov/disabilities-fair)

WE'RE HERE TO SHARE ABOUT:



Employment and  
School-to-Work



Community  
Resources



Early Childhood  
Supports



Housing



Recreation



System Navigation

**Resource Fair** | Save the date and spread the word for the DDECSD May 29TH Resource Fair to be held at the Microsoft Commons! We have 15 workshop sessions, almost 90 exhibitors, a technology room, and an “Ask a Mama” space for connecting with two mothers who would love to share their knowledge and a cup of coffee with you! Please go to our website for updated information and a registration link:

[www.kingcounty.gov/disabilities-fair](https://www.kingcounty.gov/disabilities-fair).





**We're Hiring!!!!**

# Sue Anne Lemkin- School-to-Work Program Manager III



Department of Community  
and Human Services

WELCOME SUE ANNE LEMKIN TO



Please join me in congratulating Sue Anne Lemkin (she/her) as she joins DDECSD as a School-to-Work Program Manager III!

Here are some words from Sue Anne:

*I'm excited to introduce myself! I have 13 years of experience working in various roles supporting individuals with developmental disabilities. Before joining King County, I worked at Shoreline Community College as the Program Manager for the Community Employment Program, where I supported people with disabilities gain employment and engage in their communities.*

*I am deeply passionate about this work and am committed to supporting families as they navigate this big transition from child to adult services.*

*Outside of work, you'll often find me spending time with family and friends, enjoying a good book, going for walks, and, of course, indulging in good food!*

*I'm thrilled to be joining this department and look forward to getting to know all of you!*

# DDECSD Operations Manager

The King County Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division has posted an [Operations Manager, Special Projects Manager I Position \(Career Service\)](#) which closes May 10, 2025. This position is responsible for:

- Supporting the division's internal operations;
- Leading and managing the division's recruiting and training processes; and
- Moving forward the division's commitment to Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging.

**Please help us spread the word and encourage folks to apply!**

# Seeking input

Please reach out if you have input/ feedback!

- Jim Ott, [jim.ott@kingcounty.gov](mailto:jim.ott@kingcounty.gov)
- Michaelle Monday, [michaelle.monday@kingcounty.gov](mailto:michaelle.monday@kingcounty.gov)
- Magan Cromar, [magan.cromar@kingcounty.gov](mailto:magan.cromar@kingcounty.gov)
- Holly Woo, [holly.woo@kingcounty.gov](mailto:holly.woo@kingcounty.gov)



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# King County Board May 2025 Updates

Transforming  
Lives

*from the Developmental Disabilities  
Administration Region 2, King County*

## **Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Updates:**

- Lauren Bertagna retired 4/28/2025
- Paul Simon is Region Two's new Regional Administrator starting 5/1/2025
- Updates Regarding Re-imagining DSHS
- Intake and Eligibility backlog reduced – processing applications within 1 month of receipt
- Waiver Capacity
- Budget
- Hiring

# Contact Information

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Field Services Administrator (FSA)

Developmental Disabilities  
Administration (DDA)

Region 2

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Email: [Catriona.Braid@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Catriona.Braid@dshs.wa.gov)

## **Sheila Collins (she/her)**

Field Services Administrator (FSA)

Developmental Disabilities  
Administration (DDA)

Region 2

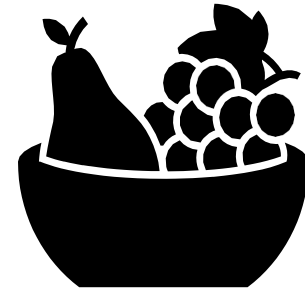
Phone: 206.643.0972

Email: [Sheila.Collins@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Sheila.Collins@dshs.wa.gov)



# We Are Taking A Break...

While you  
are waiting  
stretch,  
drink, and  
have a snack





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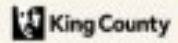
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# Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Resource Fair

Thursday, May 29 



Thursday, May 29, 9 AM – 3 PM  
Microsoft Redmond Campus

All-ages, whole-  
life, disabilities and delays

Building on community input and  
S2W Transition Fair + Microsoft  
Partnership

Fun and Educational: 15  
workshops, 90 exhibitors, unique  
spaces like **Ask a Mama** and a  
Tech Room

[www.kingcounty.gov/disabilities-  
fair](http://www.kingcounty.gov/disabilities-fair)



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# 2025 Legislative Review

# Policy – SB 5393

- New long-term admissions to the Rainier School stop. Short-term respite (30 days) continue
- Rainier School has an intermediate care facility for people with intellectual disabilities (ICF/ID). It is used for active treatment; it is not supposed to be a permanent setting

# Policy – HB 1130

- Names priority populations for community services
- Requires DSHS to collect certain data on waiver use.  
Must be publicly available on its website

- Age 45 and older
- Within the previous six months, have remained in a hospital without a safe discharge plan
- Transitioning from high school and need a waiver with supported employment services
- Discharging from institutional settings
- In immediate risk of admission to an intermediate care facility due to unmet health and welfare needs
- Found incompetent to stand trial in a criminal matter due to a developmental disability
- Have a child about to be placed for adoption or foster care
- Currently or formerly eligible for services through a community protection waiver
- People who were or are served in foster and extended foster care already have an entitlement to services







# Policy – SB 1217

- Improves rent stability for tenants
- Apartments and houses: 12-month increases capped at 7% + consumer price index, or 10%, whichever is lower
- Manufactures/mobile homes: 12-month increases capped at 5%
- Other protections; various exemptions

# Policy – SB 1272

- Extends multisystem care project to support children in crisis. (Through 2027)

# Policy – Other

- SB 5680 – Right to repair mobility equipment
- SB 5501 – Employers can't require driver license if driving is not required part of the job



# Did not pass

- Employ parents as caregivers of minors with IDD  
(passed policy; did not make it out of budget writing committee)
- Remove Community Protection waiver from statute  
(passed House; made it out of Rules in Senate)

# Budget – Community

- 2% rate increase for Supported Living community residential
- Various rates increase for other waiver services, including life skills/specialized habilitation; community engagement; peer mentoring; day habilitation
- Increases in rates for respite (various settings)
- Community respite increase of 1 hour a month
- Funds to cover increased use of waiver services
- Slots for HS grads for supported employment/Basic Plus

# Budget – DDA, Housing & other

- Transitions to community funding: Enough for 9 people to state-operated living alternatives; 15 to Supported Living at higher complex needs rate; 6 to adult family homes with enhanced specialty rate
- \$50 million IDD set-aside in Housing Trust Fund
- \$12 million additional for Open Doors Multicultural Village
- \$797,000 additional for The Arc Legacy Center





NO BUDGET  
CUTS

WE ♥ SL

WAGE  
RESPECT

DSP'S  
DESERVE

Prioritize

Prioritize  
Community  
Living  
MEDICAID  
MATTERS!

WE SUPPORT  
SUPPORTED  
LIVING!

Equal  
Pay for  
Equal Work

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# Budget – Special Education

- SB 5253 – relinks ESIT to preschool funding; removes cap on funded enrollment; increases funding for K-12 services; makes it easier to be reimbursed for high-cost IEPs
- Includes funds for more inclusionary practices sites
- Creates ongoing funds for statewide support with inclusion; IEP platform; inclusion technical assistance



# Budget – Special Education

- SB 5253 passed. Continues funding through the school year someone turns 22 – as opposed to ending on birthday

# Budget – Isolation & restraint

- Funds to continue Reduce Restraint & Eliminate Isolation project – embedded technical assistance for selected schools

# Budget – cuts

- Case management removed from No Paid Services list
  - Caseload ratios frozen/not decreased
  - Defunded Meaningful Day rate for AFHs
  - School to work reduced
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- No reduction in eligibility; not cuts to number of waivers



**Presenter: Ramona Hattendorf**

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<https://fiscal.wa.gov/default>
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