



**King County**

Department of Community and Human Services  
**Developmental Disabilities and  
Early Childhood Supports Division**



# **NEWS & UPDATES**

**BOARD FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER**



**NO APRIL MEETING OR EVENT**

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## Upcoming Meetings

- → May 6
- → August 5
- → November 4

## Stay Connected!

Board meetings are a time to come together, share updates, and make important decisions. They give people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families the opportunity to learn what's happening, ask questions, and speak up about the supports and services they need.

When our community is informed, we are stronger and more empowered. We encourage you to attend, stay engaged, and be part of the conversations.

***Get involved. Make your voice heard.***

### Next Board Meeting

The next quarterly hybrid Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 6, 2026, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

You can attend in-person or online.

#### **In-person location:**

King County Tukwila Office  
625 Andover Park W., Suite 200  
Hallway Meeting Room 2, Tukwila

[Join the meeting online:](#)

**Meeting ID:** 211 284 457 913 0

**Passcode:** zK33eS6s

We hope you will join us. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

The King County Board for Developmental Disabilities is currently recruiting people with I/DD to serve on the Board. Your leadership and participation on the Board will help us improve services and supports for others with I/DD in King County.

Your experience and your voice matter. As a Board Member you will:

- Share your ideas and experiences
- Help make important decisions
- Speak up for people with disabilities

Board meetings are open to the public. ASL Interpreters and Closed Captioning are provided. To request other reasonable accommodations, please email Michaelle Monday at [Michaelle.Monday@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Michaelle.Monday@kingcounty.gov).

To learn more or apply, visit: <https://Kingcounty.gov/DDBoard> or contact James Ott at: [James.Ott@kingcounty.gov](mailto:James.Ott@kingcounty.gov).

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## **Community Resources**

Do you know someone who could benefit from being connected to King County's service providers? They understand and work closely with individuals and families to help improve their well-being by connecting them to essential services and resources.

Want to learn more about the Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division's (DDECSD) services? Visit our website at <https://Kingcounty.gov/DDBoard>.

To explore programs and services offered by the Department of Community and Human Services, visit: <https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dchs>.

## **April is Autism Acceptance Month**

April celebrates **Autism Acceptance Month** and April 2 is **World Autism Awareness Day**.

To help families and caregivers connect with resources and community support, below we highlighted some organizations and groups dedicated to empowerment and inclusion:

<b>Group</b>	<b>What They Offer</b>	<b>How to Join / Learn More</b>
<b>Washington Autism Alliance (WAA)</b>	System navigation, workshops, family networking, advocacy training	<a href="http://washingtonautismalliance.org">washingtonautismalliance.org</a>
<b>Autism Society of Washington</b>	Local support chapters, social events, resources for families and schools	<a href="https://www.autismsocietyofwa.org/">https://www.autismsocietyofwa.org/</a>
<b>Parent to Parent of Washington State</b>	Peer support, mentorship, family networking, resource connections	<a href="https://arcwa.org/parent-to-parent/parent-to-parent-program/">https://arcwa.org/parent-to-parent/parent-to-parent-program/</a>
<b>Regional Community Groups</b>	Local meetups, sensory-friendly activities, social skills programs	Search “autism parent support [your city], WA”

We are deeply grateful for the partnership and trust you share with us. Your advocacy, dedication, and love make a tangible difference not only in the lives of your loved ones but also in strengthening our entire community.

Thank you for allowing us to walk alongside you. Together, we will continue to learn, grow, and celebrate every ability.

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**Register for the 2026 King County Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Resource Fair!**

Join us on May 28 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Microsoft Conference Center located at 16070 NE 36th Way, Redmond. This event connects individuals, families, and community members to a wide range of disability-focused resources and services. Whether you're looking for information, support, or new connections, this is a great place to start.

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

Spread the word! We can't wait to see you there!

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## April Updates

[February Minutes](#)

[February Presentation](#)

[April DDECSD Updates](#) (Services for Children/Youth/Adults, and their families)

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