

Snohomish County Developmental Disabilities Newsletter

February 2023 Edition

Transition Fair

- ❖ **Snohomish County Developmental Disabilities** is excited to host the 23rd Annual **Transition Fair** in person this year!

Location: Cascade High School Cafeteria (801 E Casino Rd, Everett WA 98203)

Date: March 21, 2023

Time: 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm

The Fair is held as an opportunity for those with an intellectual or developmental disability, families and community members to access, and become educated on, resources that will support each individual to pursue their employment/career goals.

The fair includes agencies/resources that promote inclusive communities and create opportunities for individuals to pursue a full life and attain their unique individual goals.

If you have any questions, please email ddinfo@snoco.org or [click here](#) for more information.

Food Benefits

February 2023 is the last month of emergency food benefits allotments. Basic Food benefits amounts will decrease to normal benefit levels beginning in March 2023. If circumstances in your life have changed, you may qualify for a different benefit amount. Here's how you can let us know what's changed:

- ❖ If you receive services from our Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), please contact a Public Benefits Specialist at 855-873-0642.
- ❖ You can also report changes through your Client Benefit Account at WashingtonConnection.org, call 877-501-2233 or visit your local Community Services Office.
- ❖ For more information, [click here](#).

Transportation

- ❖ **Everett Transit**

Free Youth Transit Pass for those 18 years and under.

To get your free Transit Pass, [click here](#).

Technology

- ❖ **Technology Opportunities for DDA Clients**

If you have a loved one who is eligible with Developmental Disabilities Administration, even if they do not have an assigned case manager, they could be eligible for a free phone. If interested, please visit the [Informing Families website](#) for details.

If you do not know who the DDA case manager is, you can contact DDA - [425.740.6400](tel:425.740.6400)

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
- [Goodwill](#)-Job Training and Education
- [Informing Families](#)
- [Snohomish County Energy](#)
- [Social Security](#)
- [The Arc of Snohomish County](#)
- [Wise](#)-Supportive Employment Training Opportunities
- For additional resources, please check out our ['Resource Books'](#) page or visit our [website](#).



Community Colleges

❖ Edmonds Community College

The Pursuit Program is a 5-10 week intensive M-F online or in person for ages 14 to 21 years old.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

❖ Everett Community College

Everett Trojan Transition Program will offer their second-class beginning Spring Quarter 2023. The quarter begins April 3rd and ends June 15th.

This class is in-person Tuesday and Thursday 9-11 am.

Email Sharon Moore at shrmoore@everettcc.edu or 425-388-9138 by March 3rd if you wish to attend.

Housing

- ❖ **Partners4Housing** offers free webinars to learn about Roommate Matching Pool, online Residential Assessment and Consulting Services

[Click here](#) to get a free Residential Assessment

Visit the [Partners4Housing website](#) to learn more.

- ❖ **Community Homes** offers many workshops!

[Click here](#) to view workshop schedule.

If you have any questions, contact Cathy Murahashi
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cathy@community-homes.org

Training Opportunities

❖ Wise Webinar Series (virtual setting)

All sessions are 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm and are free

- [Click here](#) to view Wise's Training Calendar

❖ SAVE THE DATE - 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)

- **Social Security Benefits While Working**
Virtual Presentation by: Dustin Krall
Wednesday February 15th, 2023,
11 am – 12:30 pm. To register
[Click here](#)
- **Top 10+ Autism Resources for Washington.** Presented by Seattle Children's Autism Center Resource Team and SPARK Team/Research Team
Monday February 27th, 2023 7-8:30 pm. Spanish interpretation available!
To Register [Click here](#)
- [Click here](#) to view Arc's Event Calendar