



Snohomish County Developmental Disabilities Newsletter April 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](#)

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 learn more about these amazing opportunities

23rd Annual Transition Resource Fair

- ❖ The Snohomish County Developmental Disabilities Team would like to thank everyone who attended this year's fair. This was our first time back in-person since 2019 and it was like no one missed a beat. There were over 300 community members at the fair, which is back to pre-pandemic crowd levels!
 - [Click here](#) if you were unable to attend the fair this year or would like to refresh your memory of all that went on at the fair!
 - Once again, thank you to all who participated, and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year at the 24th Annual Transition Resource Fair.

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 & Education
- [Informing Families](#)
- [Snohomish County Energy Assistance](#)
- [Social Security - 'The Red Book'](#)
- [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](#).



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
- [Click here](#) to learn more

❖ Community Homes

- Offers many workshops
- [Click here](#) to view workshop schedule
- If you have any questions, contact Cathy Murahashi - cathy@community-homes.org/Office: 425-233-6930

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.
- Club Independence is currently doing a "Relationship & Dating" series.
- For information contact Brandi Picora - Brandi@arcsno.org/425-258-2459 x113
- [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.
- If you are interested in partnering with The Arc for the 2023/2024 school year, please contact: Jessie Moore - Jessie@arcsno.org/425-258-2459 x109
- [Click here](#) to learn more about the Transition Clubs

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

❖ 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)

- April 10th 7-8:30 PM
 - ◆ DDA: An Overview of Eligibility for Consumers and Families
 - ◆ [Click here](#) for more information.
- [Click here](#) to view Arc's Event Calendar

Transportation

❖ Everett Transit Free Youth Transit Pass

- For those 18 years and under
- [Click here](#) to get your free Transit Pass

❖ SNOTRAC

- [Click here](#) to view events around transportation.

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.
- [Click here](#) for more information and to access the online form to make a request for a free phone
- If you do not know who the DDA case manager is, you can contact DDA - 425.740.6400