KSDDAB NEWSLETTER WINTER 2025



KSDDAB COMMUNITY

We are seeking new Board Members. Ask for a Board application today!

Members must reside or work in Skamania or Klickitat County. No special expertise required -- just a desire to find ways to ensure that people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families can easily and locally access resources, services, and support.



Supporting Skamania County Community Health in providing developmental disability services to Klickitat and Skamania County residents

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

What has been your experience seeking services locally? Input from self-advocates, parents, caregivers and community members is critical to our mission. Reach out via email or join us for a board meeting!

Pictured above: Filiberto Ontiveros, Parent to Parent Coordinator for Klickitat and Skamania Counties, and his wife Julianna. Story below.

PARENT TO PARENT (P2P)

<u>Filiberto Ontiveros</u> joined the PEACE NW team in the Spring of 2024 as the Parent to Parent (P2P) Coordinator for Klickitat and Skamania Counties.

In 2008, Filiberto and Julianna Ontiveros' son Junhyo was born with a severe form of Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita, specifically Amyoplasia. "As a father," Filiberto writes, "it is not my job to set roadblocks for my son or hold him back, it is to find possibilities, and solutions or set new paths around those blocks. I hope to help others in our community to find ways and set new paths."

Filiberto's career has been deeply intertwined with service. After graduating from the Partners In Policy program in Nevada, he served on the <u>Governor's DD Council</u> in both Nevada and here in Washington. In addition to advocating for his son and others with I/DD, he is the Chief of Operations for the Klickitat County 911 Center, volunteers as an EMT and firefighter, and served on Goldendale's City Council. With his wife Julianna, who he jokingly acknowledges, "graciously outranks [him] both at the firehouse and at home," he has taught <u>Travis Alert</u> trainings at many volunteer fire departments.

Learn more about P2P and how to get in touch at www.peacenw.org/parent-parent-p2p





Did you know that Mt. Hood Meadows offers 1:1 adaptive ski and snowboard lessons? Specially trained instructors, guides, and support staff work to make these winter sports safe and accessible to beginners and beyond. According to the website, equipment including hula hoops, bamboo poles, outriggers may be used, and "increased visual, verbal, and/or one-on-one support is also available to enhance the learning process."

Email <u>AdaptiveLessons@skihood.com</u> or check out <u>Meadows Learning Center webpage</u> for options, prices and the inquiry form.



Visitors are always welcome to attend Board meetings! Meetings are held every other month (February, April, June, August, October, December) on the first Wednesday, from 3:30 pm until 5:00 pm, on Zoom https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2152417075.

Contact Heather Trollier for an agenda and more information.

ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

VISIT THE KSDDAB WEBSITE

NIGHT TO SHINE RED CARPET & DANCE

Join us! People with special needs 14 years old and above are invited to a free evening of memory-making fun!

February 7, 2025 6:00-8:00pm Grace Baptist Church 1280 W. Jewett Blvd, White Salmon

To register, contact Terri at terriw@gracews.org, www.grace-ws.org or call 509-637-0358.



HAPPENINGS

Sundays, January 5-March 8, 3:00-4:00: <u>Special Olympics</u> <u>Basketball practice</u>. Horizon Christian School, Hood River.

Tuesdays, 3:00-4:30: \$1/game bowling, sponsored by ARC and Orchard Lanes in Hood River. Two games maximum per person.

Wednesdays, 11:30-12:30: Peace NW <u>Virtual Office Hours</u>
Help and support, no appointment necessary.
Meeting Passcode: PEACENW

Wednesdays, 12-4:00 AND first and third Thursdays, 12:00-3:00: Free all ages Art Hive. Under 12 welcome with caregiver/parent. Community Art Studio of Skamania, 710 SW Rock Creek Drive.

Thursdays, ongoing to June 26, 6:00-8:00: Building Independence. Supporting individuals 18+ to learn about topics of their choosing like making friends, setting goals and empowerment, to help build the life of their dreams. Workshops, guest speakers, and much more! Meets online.

January 21, February 18 and March 11, 11:00-1:00: Mobile DSHS at 107 W. Jewett Blvd, White Salmon (WorkSource parking lot).

CLICK HERE FOR OUR CALENDAR WITH MORE EVENTS AND FURTHER DETAILS

Klickitat-Skamania Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

Our mission: To support Skamania County Community Health in providing high quality, comprehensive and effective developmental disability services to Klickitat and Skamania County residents in an efficient and respectful manner.

With the support from both the Klickitat and Skamania Board of Commissioners, the Developmental Disabilities services for both counties were joined to form one department in 2021. The Klickitat-Skamania DD Advisory Board was formed soon thereafter.