

KITSAP COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

In the Works

Spring 2010

The Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth

- Advises County Commissioners and residents on issues related to children and families, based on periodic assessments
- Facilitates the coordination of information and services to maximize resources
- Advocates for an environment which fosters healthy, self-sufficient, responsible and productive children, youth and families

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Is published **quarterly** by the Youth Commission for schools, the media, libraries, agencies, and individuals interested in children and families.

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Events



TEEN LATE NIGHT! EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT, 8:30 – 11:00 PM, Bremerton.

Teens ages 13-19 bring your friends and experience a night filled with many fun activities. Teens are able to swim, use the hot tub, play basketball, wallyball or board and table games, plus more. Refreshments including pizza, are served. There is no cost for YMCA members and non-members pay only \$5 per person.

RESOLUTION RUN, Run #4, Sunday, April 4, 9:00 AM, a 20K run (12.4 miles), followed by a BBQ Potluck in Y Annex. This is your opportunity to stay motivated through the long days of winter.

For more information, call Kitsap Family YMCA 360-377-3741 or visit online at: <http://www.kitsapfamilyymca.org/Events.htm>.



CONSOLIDATED PLAN OPEN

HOUSE, Tuesday, April 13, 4:00 – 7:00 PM, Norm Dicks Government Center, Bremerton. Sponsored by Kitsap County and City of Bremerton Community Development Block Grant Programs. Did you know our community receives over \$2 million a year from HUD to address Housing, Community and Economic Development activities? Please join us and learn:

- How the Consolidated Plan guides our communities funding.
- How HUD funds have been used in our community.
- How you can be involved and let your voice be heard!

For more information, contact Shannon Bauman, 337-7272 or via e-mail sbauman@co.kitsap.wa.us.

5K FUN RUN/WALK, Saturday, April

24, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Poulsbo Waterfront Park. Registration begins at 10:00 AM, race begins at 11:00 AM. This event benefits Kitsap County Homeless Teens. Hosted by: Leadership Kitsap, Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition, Team Walk in Others Shoes.

The entry fee for this event is to bring a bath or personal hygiene item that can be used by a homeless teen. For example:

- Toothpaste/brush
- Mouth wash
- Deodorant
- Bath soap
- Shampoo
- Swabs
- Brush/comb

Water will be provided before and after the race. For more information, contact Terry Shroeder, 473-2028.

STILLWATERS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER HAPPENINGS

ECOFEST, Saturday, **April 24**, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Stillwaters, Kingston. EcoFest is a community celebration, with a huge selection of exhibitors and displays, plus all kinds of environmental education and eco-friendly products, from electric scooters to bamboo floors! There is great music, food, a large “Green Home” display, live animals, lots for kids to do, and entertainment all day. Cost: none.

SHORELINE CRUISES

Saturdays, **May 15, 22, June 5, 19**, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Kingston Marina. Come discover the shoreline from the water! The health of Puget Sound is at risk and Stillwaters is delving deep into the reason why by taking people out on the water.

Four-hour tour with Paul Dorn, fisheries Biologist with the Suquamish Tribe, and Betsy Cooper, Marine Biologist. Learn about nearshore: the geologic formations, the critters who live there and how it is impacted by humans. Cost: Suggested donation of \$25 each, or \$40/couple or parent and child.

ANNUAL WATER CELEBRATION AND LOW-TIDE BEACH WALK

Saturday, **June 12**, Kingston Farmer's Market at the Marina. Join a marine ecologist to discover the rich nearshore that is a diverse and bountiful as a tropical rain forest. Fun for all ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Wear shoes or boots to get muddy and walk on rocks. Cost: Suggested donation \$5.

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KAYAK SHORELINE TOUR, Sunday, **June 20**, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM. Explore Appletree Cove and Estuary from the comfort of a kayak on this guided tour. A Great Father's Day present! You will be accompanied by Naturalist and Biologist Paul Dorn, and you will get a quick training on the kayak if needed. Kayaks provided. Cost: To be determined.

To register, call 360-297-1226 or e-mail info@stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org or visit online <http://www.stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org>.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF KITSAP COUNTY NATIONAL WOMEN BUILD DAY, Saturday, **May 8**, Bremerton.

This year Habitat for Humanity of Kitsap County will celebrate National Women Build Week on Saturday, May 8th by opening the entire Cornerstone Place worksite in East Bremerton to the Women Build. Fifty volunteer spots have been set aside for this popular annual event sponsored by Habitat International and Lowe's.

National Women Build Week and the May 8th event focus on expanding the base of women volunteers in construction. This is an opportunity for women of all skill levels and walks of life

to learn a variety of construction skills together and apply them in building simple, decent, affordable homes with families in need in Kitsap County.

The Women Build program is meant to encourage the involvement of women in the construction of Habitat homes. Not only does the Women Build program enable women to discover for themselves that they can build Habitat homes, but each Women Build helps to expand the capacity of the affiliate to serve more families through networking, fund raising opportunities, an expanded volunteer database, and new leadership.

If you are interested in more information or signing up to volunteer for the May 8 National Women Build Day please visit: www.kitsaphabitat.org.

For more details contact Sheila Marie, Development Associate 360-550-2452 funddeveloper@kitsaphabitat.org.

11TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF PHILANTHROPY, Thursday, **May 20**, 5:30 – 8:30 PM, Bremerton Conference Center. Join fellow community leaders for a wonderful dinner and program celebrating community philanthropy and volunteerism.

For more information about becoming a table captain or sponsor, call 360-698-3622 or email patha@kitsapfoundation.org.

Event proceeds will benefit the Kitsap Community Foundation.



VOICES FOR CHILDREN AWARDS LUNCHEON, Thursday, **May 20**, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM, Seattle Center Fisher Pavilion. Keynote Speaker, Ron Sims, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), former King County Executive. Cost: \$60 per person. Tickets help to cover event costs.

Guests will be encouraged to contribute to Children's Alliance advocacy work for Washington's children.

For more Information, call 206-324-0340, ext. 11 or e-mail events@childrensalliance.org or visit online <http://www.childrensalliance.org>.

2010 SPRING YOUTH FORUM, Thursday, **May 20**, Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA. The Spring Youth Forum provides youth prevention teams the opportunity to share and promote their successfully completed prevention projects – and to compete against others for great prizes.

The Washington Prevention Spring Youth Forum is brought to you by a partnership between the Washington State Attorney General's Office and the DSHS Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery.

5TH ANNUAL FAMILY FUN RUN, Sunday, **May 23**, 12:00 – 3:00 PM, Kitsap Fairgrounds & Events Center, Bremerton. Pre-registration is recommended. Same day registration may be completed at the Kitsap Sun Pavilion. The event is sponsored Kitsap County Medical Society and all ages are encouraged to participate.

For more information, call 360-692-4881 or visit online at <http://www.kcmedical.org>.

KITSAP HUMANE SOCIETY PETS WALK, Saturday, **May 29**, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Kitsap Fairgrounds and Events Center, Bremerton. Pre-registration is required.

For more information, call 360-692-6799, x113 or visit online at <http://www.kitsaphumane.org>.

25TH ANNUAL KID'S DAY EVENT, Saturday, **June 5**, 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM, Kitsap County Fairgrounds, President's Hall, Bremerton. Sponsored by the Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue. This free life safety event is open to the public.

For more information, call 360-447-3550 or visit online at <http://www.ckfr.org>.

FISHING KIDS – GETTING MORE KIDS FISHING, MORE OFTEN, Saturday, **June 19**, Island Lake County Park, Poulsbo. Available Sessions: #1 – 9:00 AM, #2 – 10:00 AM, #3 – 11:00 AM, #4 – 12:00 PM, #5 – 1:00 PM. Pre-registration is required, limited to the first 300 youth. Open to ages 5 – 14. Cost: \$5. per child. Deadline to enter, June 11.

For more information, call 360-337-5350 or visit online at <http://www.kitsapgov.com/parks>.

Fundraiser

CANCER...GET THE FLOCK OUT!

The South Kitsap Relay for Life Committee will be flocking lawns across town with flocks of purple flamingos as a fundraiser for cancer research. For \$20, you can have the **flock of purple flamingos placed in the yard of a friend, neighbor, church or business**. The flock can be removed for \$25. If you would like the flock to be removed and sent to another location, you may do so for only \$45. Want to guarantee the flock will never show up in your yard? Simply purchase, flock insurance for \$30. This will ensure the flock will never appear in your yard! If you would like to pay to have the flock put in the yard of a friend, neighbor or business, contact Heidi Anderson at h.midgette@gmail.com or 360-990-6107.

Get the Flock Out! is proudly sponsored by your Port Orchard Wal-Mart!

R.A.G.S GARAGE SALE, Saturday, **April 10**, 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM, Kitsap Sun Pavilion, Bremerton. Five local Rotary Clubs (Bremerton Noon, East Bremerton, South Kitsap, Silverdale Noon and Silverdale Morning) will sponsor the annual RAGS, a gigantic garage sale/auction. The event is open to the public.

For more information or to schedule a pick-up of donations, call 360-917-1240 or visit online at <http://www.bremertonrotary.org>.



Meetings



THE WOMEN BUILD COMMITTEE.

The group meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Habitat for Humanity office in Bremerton.

Everyone is welcome to learn more about what Habitat for Humanity of Kitsap County is doing to end poverty housing in our community!

For more details contact Sheila Marie, Development Associate 360-550-2452 funddeveloper@kitsaphabitat.org.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE GROUP SET TO MEET MONTHLY.

A new group of survivors of suicide will meet monthly in Bremerton to offer a setting for family members or friends who have lost someone to suicide. The group is scheduled to meet on the second Thursday of each month from 5:30 – 7:00 PM.

The purpose of this group is for participants to connect with others who face a similar loss. The focus is coping with the grief and trauma a suicide leaves behind. Participants will compare experiences and share hope as life continues, despite the loss of their loved one.

Interested individuals should contact facilitator Melissa Spaulding at 360-265-1110 or via e-mail swimgirl682004@yahoo.com.

Resource

REPRESENTING JUVENILE STATUS OFFENDERS provides legal advocates the tools to successfully engage and represent youth in status offense proceedings. The chapters include topics on:

- Using federal law to support advocacy.
- Understanding and using social science research to work with status offenders.
- Accessing intervention services, pre-and post adjudication strategies.
- Using special education advocacy in status offense cases.
- Crossing over to other family court proceedings.

To order your free copies, contact kendallj@staff.abanet.org or pilnikl@staff.abanet.org.

Training

EDMONDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE: FAMILY SUPPORT STUDIES, Spring Classes, **April 5 – June 18**, Edmonds. All family support studies classes are designed for professionals currently working with families or those interested in working with families in schools, early childhood, youth development, aging services, health care and other community services in the future.

Introduction to Family Support (FSS175)
Tuesdays, 2:50 – 5:30 PM
Learn how to implement the principles and best practices of family support.

NEW! Home Visiting Skills (FSS186)
Online class. Learn effective and safe home visiting techniques.

Family Systems (FSS215)

Online class. Explore the effects of poverty on families and neighborhoods.

For more information, call 425-640-1665 or visit online at <http://www.edcc.edu/familysupport>.

FROM HOPE TO RESILIENCE Complex Trauma and Social Emotional Learning: Pathways to Improving Academic Success,

Wednesday – Thursday, **April 7 – 8**, Spokane. Considerable scientific literature details the impact of chronic adverse childhood experiences (Complex Trauma) on brain development in children.

- Explore leading-edge science about brain development and its relationship to the structures within our systems and the methods we use to help children learn.
- Hear from national and local experts who are working to transform our policies on, and approaches to, the education of children.
- Learn new strategies to improve student engagement and academic achievement by applying social-emotional learning techniques within a Response-to-Intervention framework.

For more information

Registration:

<http://www.ahec.spokane.wsu.edu>

E-mail: ahec@wsu.edu

Phone: 509-358-7640 or 1-800-279-0705.

**CHILDREN'S CROSS AGENCY
SYSTEMS TRAINING (CAST),**

Thursday, **April 15**, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM,
Island Lake Community Center,
Poulsbo. Introduce school and social
services personnel and parents to the
different systems serving children. The
systems presenting at this training are:
mental health and crisis/involuntary
treatment services, child welfare
services, special education, public
assistance, public health, alcohol and
drug abuse services, developmental
disabilities, and juvenile justice. The
training will give individuals an
understanding of:

- Who each system serves.
- The eligibility criteria for each system.
- Who to contact at those resources if you are having difficulty with the services offered.

Cost: Training is free, Lunch is \$12.
Seating is limited. For more information,
contact Martha Crownover, 360-479-
4994 or marthac@kmhs.org.

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP,

Thursday – Friday, **April 15 – 16**,
Kirkland. This workshop is applicable to
city, county and state agencies as well
as nonprofit organizations, K-12,
colleges and universities.

Grant writing USA has helped
thousands of government agencies,
nonprofit organizations and educational
institutions achieve grants success.

For more information, contact
Cathy Rittenhouse, 800-814-8191 or via
e-mail cathy@grantwritingusa.com.

**11TH ANNUAL SCHOOL AGE
CARE CONFERENCE**

Saturday, **April 17**, 8:30 AM –
4:00 PM, Chief Leschi High School,
Puyallup. The classes will help you
create high quality programming filled
with fun and exciting things to do this
summer, and help you incorporate
exciting educational curriculum. Lunch
will be provided and 6 hours of
S.T.A.R.S. credit are available.

For more information, contact
Mary Francom, 360-628-0958 or via
e-mail francom@wsu.edu.

**SKILL BUILDING TECHNIQUES FOR
PARENTS AND TEACHERS:*****Understanding and Supporting Your
Child's Behavior at Home and School***

Friday, **April 23**, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM,
OESD #114, Bremerton. Sponsored by
The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
(FASD) Task Force for Kitsap and
Adjacent Counties. The program will
include the basics of FASD, behavioral
training re: calming techniques, the
importance of teaching social skills, and
a panel featuring local support agencies.
Box lunch is provided.

For more information, contact Carolyn
Hartness, 360-297-0411 or via e-mail
chartness@centurytel.net.

**CULTURAL COMPETENCE IN THE
CLASSROOM:** Friday, **April 23**, North
Seattle Community College. What
cultural factors can have a significant
effect on the learning process? What is

the impact of a teacher's culture and
background on student achievement?
How can unintended conflict be avoided
with students and others whose cultures
and backgrounds are different from that
of the classroom teacher, administrator,
or staff? Participants will develop
valuable insights to help them
communicate and work more effectively
with students, parents and colleagues
from diverse cultural backgrounds.

For more information visit
[http://www.wsame.org/pdf/WorkshopInfo
mation20092010.pdf](http://www.wsame.org/pdf/WorkshopInformation20092010.pdf) or email
WSAME@mindspring.com or 206-522-
5438.

**THE ART AND SCIENCE OF
COMMUNITY ORGANIZING,** Tuesday
– Thursday, **April 27 – 29**, and
Wednesday – Thursday, **June 23 – 24**,
Spokane. This event is sponsored by
the Department of Commerce. The
training takes place over five days.
Participants must attend all five days of
training. Registration \$300.

For more information, contact
Peggy Bryden, 360-725-3041
or via e-mail
Peggy.Bryden@Commerce.wa.gov.

**16TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON STATE
NONPROFIT CONFERENCE,**

Thursday, **April 29**, Meydenbauer
Center, Bellevue. This year's
conference will feature keynote speaker
Dan Pallotta author of *"Uncharitable:
How Restraints on Nonprofits
Undermine Their Potential,"* and Kristin
McSwain, Chief Program Operations
and the Director of AmeriCorps State
and National for the corporation for
National and Community Service.

In addition, there will be over 25 workshops, lots of exhibitors, door prizes, a special awards luncheon and celebration and "NEW" this year, Peer-to-Peer Idea Tables and a Network Soiree.

For more information, visit online at <http://www.npconference.org>.

18TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CONFERENCE, Monday – Tuesday, **May 10 – 11**, Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Seattle. This event provides an educational and inspirational venue for all participants. More than 70 workshops are scheduled! Several nationally renowned presenters will deliver the most up-to-date information on an array of topics such as *Teen Violence, Gangs, Legal Issues, all forms of Child Abuse and Neglect, Forensics, Juvenile Prostitution, Police, Diversity*, and many others.

Register online at <http://www.dshscjc.com>
Early Bird registration: \$199 before 4/23/10, or \$235 after.
Student/Law Enforcement: \$150.
On-Site Registration: \$260.

20TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON STATE COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS CONFERENCE, Wednesday – Friday, **May 12 – 14**, Red Lion at the Park, Spokane. For more information, contact Mia Navarro Wells at 253-761-7446 or e-mail mai@endhomelessnesswa.org or visit online <http://www.endhomelessnesswa.org>.

THE ROLE OF WHITES IN A MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY, Friday, **May 14**, North Seattle Community College. Move beyond denial, guilt and fear to take an honest look at race relations in America and define a positive role for whites in a diverse society. Participants will explore the concept of white privilege and why it is invisible to some; explore models of unity; consult on ways to bridge barriers between whites and people of color to construct harmonious and productive relationships. We may not be responsible for the past, but together we can take responsibility for the future. This workshop is for people of all colors!

For more information visit <http://www.wsame.org/pdf/WorkshopInformation20092010.pdf> or email WSAME@mindspring.com or 206-522-5438.

FROM HURT TO HOPE: Discovering Approaches to Strengthening Community Resilience and Supportive Learning Environments, Tuesday – Wednesday, **May 18 – 19**, Wenatchee. A statewide conference on adverse childhood experiences impact on life outcomes and trauma sensitive practices that can help.

- How to engage children and their families who are impacted by adverse childhood experiences.
- How resilience is created and supported in children and their families.
- How schools, early learning environments, and communities become trauma sensitive.

For more details and registration, visit online <http://www.ncesd.org/h2h>.

RITE OF PASSAGE JOURNEYS, Discover the wonders of Washington's lush rainforests and wilderness beaches this summer with Rite of Passage Journey's backpacking explorations for ages 8 to 18. Whether you are a fearless mountain trekker or a first-time camper, our one- to three-week programs will offer an exciting and unique coming of age experience.

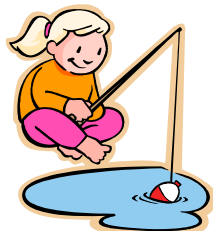
Youth Programs
The Apprentice Journey (Ages 8–10) June 26 – July 2
Call to Adventure (Ages 11–13) July 24 – 30
Coming of Age for Boys (Ages 12–14) June 27 – July 18
Coming of Age for Girls (Ages 12–14) June 27 – July 18
Coming of Age for Boys II (Ages 12–14) August 1 – 22
Coming of Age for Girls II (Ages 12-14) August 1 – 22
Solo Crossing (Ages 15-18) July 10 – 31
The Journey Continues (Alumni, 13-18) August 7 - 14
Adult Programs
Adult Wilderness Quest (Ages 18+) June 18 - 26
Adult Wilderness Quest (Ages 18+) September 11 - 19
Stepping into Elderhood (Ages 50+) August 26 - 29
The Art of Ritual Leadership (Ages 18+) 4 Weekends October 1 – May 8

For more information, call 425-485-7396 or via e-mail info@riteofpassagejourneys.org or visit online <http://www.RiteOfPassageJourneys.org>

For Your Calendar

April

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YMCA, Dee Tuttle 377-3741
- 7/8 **FROM HOPE TO RESILIENCE, Complex Trauma and Social Emotional Learning: Pathways to Improving Academic Success**, Spokane. Information, 509-358-7640 or 1-800-279-0705 or ahec@wsu.edu or <http://www.ahec.spokane.wsu.edu>
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June

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Monday

- 1st **CAMP FIRE BOYS & GIRLS BOARD MEETING**
5:30 PM. Terry Schroeder, 475-3571
- 2nd **KITSAP COUNTY JUVENILE DEPARTMENT MENTORING PROGRAM TRAINING**
5:00 – 7:00 PM. Pam Martin, 337-5409
- 2nd **KITSAP COUNTY ASSN FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN (KAEYC)**
6:00 PM. Karen Kennedy, 475-7194
- 3rd **STANDUP FOR KIDS**, 6:30 PM. Silverdale Community Center, Jo Clark, 360-479-2389
- 3rd **P-FLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)**, 7:00 PM. Marcie Mathis, 888-636-0652,
- 3rd **KITSAP COUNTY SAFE KIDS COALITION**
8:30 AM. (Bi-Monthly Jan. Mar. May. July Sept. Nov.)
Michele Jennings, Mary Bridge, 662-1198
- 3rd **H.E.A.R.T. (Honoring Equity and Respecting Tradition)**,
7:00 PM. Mick Sheldon, 360-297-2040
- 4th **WORKFIRST ADVISORY BOARD**
2:00 PM. Meets bi-monthly. Paul Coover, 337-4722

Tuesday

- Every Tues. **KITSAP PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**
7:00 PM. Terri Chicko, 360-297-4639
- 1st **PARENT TO PARENT SUPPORT INFORMATION GROUP**, 10:30 AM, Call, 377-3473
- 1st **INFORMATION & REFERRAL SERVICES NETWORK**
Noon. Cyndi Foye, 415-5816, Cyndi@kmhs.org
- 1st **KITSAP FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, 5:30 PM. Rick Williams,
<http://www.kitsapfostercare.org>
- 1st **ETHNIC UNITY COALITION**
5:30 PM. Information, 782-0544
- 1st & 3rd **COMMUNITY FAMILY CLUB MEETING**, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Information: Jessie 434-618 or Kelley 779-4074
- 2nd **RESPECT (Relationship Education Strengthens & Provides Empowering Choices for Today's) Kitsap Youth**, 9:00 AM. Candy Cardinal 337-5256
- 2nd **KTASC COUNCIL (Community Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition)**, 2:30 – 4:30 PM.
Liz Wilhelm, 360-337-5258
- 2nd **KITSAP COUNTY HIV AIDS FOUNDATION (KCHAF)**
5:30 – 7:00 pm. Natalie Bryson, 698-3335
- 2nd **CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders)**, 7:00 PM. Kerry Miller, 697-3922
- 2nd **KITSAP COUNTY COUNCIL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**
6:00 PM. Leif Bentsen, 337-4883
- 3rd **NORTH KITSAP LIFE IS VALUABLE SUICIDE AWARENESS TASK FORCE**, 7:45 AM
Kelly Chatwood, nk_lv@comcast.net

Tuesday (continued)

- 3rd **SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD** 3:30 PM.
Betsy Bosch, 337-4880
- 3rd **COMMUNITY VOICE**, 7:00 PM, Pat Lovett, 698-4668

Wednesday

- 1st **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD**
5:00 PM. Kelly Oneal, 337-4624
- 1st **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK**
11:30 AM. Joan Taie, 373-5392
- 2nd **KITSAP COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY TASK FORCE**,
10:00 AM. KCSO Silverdale, Carolyn Pence 337-4647
- 2nd **KITSAP SAFE SCHOOLS NETWORK**, 5:00 PM
Silverdale, KCHAF, Arlis Stewart, 1-800-503-7615
- 3rd **KITSAP CONTINUUM OF CARE COALITION MEETING**
2:30 – 4:00 PM, sally.santana@wavecable.com
- 4th **KITSAP FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING**, 6:00 PM. <http://www.kitsapfostercare.org>
- last **KITSAP SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE**
3:00 – 4:30 PM. Barbara Smithson, 337-5250
KitsapSPTF@comcast.net

Thursday

- 1st **KITSAP COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH**, 4:30 – 6:30 PM. Gay Neal, 337-4879
- 1st **P.O.W.E.R. (People Organized Working for Ethnic Reality)**, 7:00 PM. Robert Boddie, 792-0637
- 1st **BOY SCOUTS DISTRICT MEETINGS**
7:00 PM. Kevin Hancock, 373-9400; Brady Taylor, 373-5393
- 1st **WOMEN BUILD COMMITTEE, Habitat for Humanity**
6:30 PM. Sheila Marie, 360-550-2452
funddeveloper@hitsaphabitat.org
- 2nd **SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE GROUP MEETING**
5:30 – 7:00 PM. Melissa Spaulding 265-1110 or
swimgirl682004@yahoo.com
- 3rd **INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL**
10:00 AM. Kathy Avery, 373-2536
- 3rd **NORTH KITSAP VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROJECT**
9:00 AM. Cindy Simonson, 297-7070
- 4th **KITSAP FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION**
6:00 PM. Rick Williams, 876-1994
- Every **THE Q CENTER, LGBT YOUTH 14-19 DROP-IN CENTER**,
6:00 PM. Silverdale. Michael Goodnow, 698-3335.
<http://www.theqcenter.org>

Friday

- 1st **ANGER MANAGEMENT CLASS**, 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM
Bremerton. Cost: \$80. Dr. O.J. Hogan, 698-3250

Saturday

- 3rd **KITSAP COUNTY'S FATHERS' NETWORK**
10:00 AM. Doug Stauner, 692-4670

Sunday

- Every 1st **WOMEN'S CIRCLES**, 2:00 – 5:00 PM, Belfair.
Linda Kroum, 275-4184 or womenscircles@yahoo.com

What's In The Works For You?

Please print:

Event/Project Title: _____

Purpose: _____

Sponsor(s): _____

Target Audience: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Where: _____

Cost: _____

Reservation Required: _____

Other Details/Comments: _____

Contact person: _____

Phone: _____

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT CHANGES IN YOUR ORGANIZATION, such as program additions or deletions, new address/phone number, key personnel, etc.

Other information or comments which could be helpful to others: _____

Contact person for more information: _____

Phone: _____



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The Parenting Place “The Family Education Center” Spring 2010 Schedule

*Classes may be cancelled due to low enrollment



Name of Class	Day	Time	Dates	# of Sessions	Location	Cost	Childcare Available
Helping Children Who Witness Domestic Violence Survivor	Tuesdays	6-8pm	April 6 –June 22	12	Please call for location	Free to first 15 enrolled	NO
Circle of Parents Support Groups	Wednesdays	5:30– 7pm	March 31 April 28 May 26 June 29	1 per date	KCR 1201 Park Ave Bremerton	Free	Yes
Conscious Fathering	Wed Wed Wed Wed Wed	6-8:30pm 5:30-8pm 6-8:30pm 5:30-8pm 6-8:30pm	April 14 April 21 May 5 May 19 June 2	1 per date	Please call for location	Free	NO
Strengthening Families (10-14 yr old)	Tuesdays	5:30—8pm	April 13—June 1	8	Sunnyslope Elementary Pt. Orchard	Free	Yes 2 and Up

To Register for a class call **The Parenting Place**
360-473-2134 or Fax 360-473-2114

~A class may be cancelled and rescheduled due to inclement weather ~



"It's Time for Kitsap Kids" Developmental Asset Initiative

"It's Time for Kitsap Kids" promotes the concept of [developmental asset](#) building and actively works on community awareness, activities, networking, and training that nurtures positive, caring and responsible young people.

<http://www.kitsapcaresaboutkids.org>

Spring 2010

Vision: As "Friends of Assets," each of us serves as a builder, partnering with youth to participate, develop, and grow through family, school, work, and community. We envision a community where all young people know they are valued, have hope for the future, and possess the resources to achieve their goals.



Involving Young People in Your Community

Getting young people in your community and in civic decisions is just as critical as getting community leaders on board! Young people have innovative ideas and fresh insights into how to create an inclusive asset-building community. They can act as individuals, in organizations, and on community commissions and boards. Get them involved in as many areas of community life as you can.

In many communities and organizations, young people and adults can advocate for and create change when they work hand in hand.

Young people in Kitsap County are invited to get involved in civic decisions in our community and we would like you to participate. How? There are two opportunities for young people in Kitsap County to participate...

The Kitsap County Board of Commissioners is looking for youth ages 14 – 21 to apply for appointment to be on the Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth. The mission of the Commission is to advocate for an environment that fosters healthy, self-sufficient, responsible and productive children, youth and families.

The Kitsap County Board of Health is looking for youth ages 14 – 21 to apply for appointment to be on the Kitsap Tobacco, Alcohol, and Other Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (KTASC). The mission of KTASC is to reduce substance abuse and promote tobacco and alcohol abuse prevention among young people.

Both of these advisory boards are committed to increasing the 40 developmental assets among youth in the community.

For information on applying for one of these advisory boards please contact Gay Neal at 360-337-4879 or gneal@co.kitsap.wa.us.

40 Developmental Assets

Search Institute <http://www.search-institute.org> has identified the following building blocks of healthy development that help young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible.

Support:

1. Family Support
2. Positive family communication
3. Other adult relationships
4. Caring neighborhood
5. Caring school climate
6. Parent involvement in schooling

Empowerment:

7. Community values youth
8. Youth as resources
9. Service to others
10. Safety

Please tell us the impact the developmental asset approach has had in your life, the children you touch, or in your organization.

Just e-mail Gay Neal gneal@co.kitsap.wa.us to request the one-page, online response form. Your comments will be added to the story of how asset building is changing the face of our community.

Asset #21 – Achievement motivation

At Home

- Model lifelong learning. Show an ongoing interest in learning new things, making new discoveries, and exploring new topics.
- Encourage your kids to do their best at school, but don't expect perfection, and leave room for mistakes.

At School

- Relate lesson content and curricula to real-life situations and issues. Use enrichment materials.
- Encourage teachers to get to know their students. Personal attention and interest from a teacher can be powerful motivators.

In the Community

- Volunteer to be a tutor or a mentor in a school. Show that you value learning by donating your own time and expertise.

Asset #22 - School Engagement

At Home

- Help your children stay alert in school by ensuring that they eat well and get enough sleep.

At School

- Ask students to evaluate their own learning experiences. Ask what they need to feel more engaged in and excited about school.
- Make the classroom a warm and welcoming place to be.

In the Community

- Offer community education classes for the whole family.
- If your business employs youth, show genuine interest in their school performance. Encourage them to do well in school. Limit their work hours to no more than 5 per week – fewer during finals.

Asset #23 – Homework

At Home

- Provide a quiet, comfortable, well-lit place for your kids to study without distractions. Together with your child, set boundaries about interruptions (phone calls, visitors, etc.).
- Work with your child to set up a regular homework schedule, then respect it. Arrange dinner and family events around the homework schedule.

At School

- Communicate with other teachers about homework, test schedules, and long-term assignments. Spread them out evenly over the year so students aren't swamped.
- Teach students how to use the library and the Internet to find reference materials and homework help.

In the Community

- Arrange after-school study programs. Set aside a quiet room for kids to do their homework, read, study for tests, etc. Staff it with adult mentors and tutors from the community.

40 Developmental Assets

Boundaries & Expectations

11. Family boundaries
12. School boundaries
13. Neighborhood boundaries
14. Adult role models
15. Positive peer influence
16. High expectations

Constructive Use of Time

17. Creative activities
18. Youth programs
19. Religious community
20. Time at home

Commitment to Learning

21. Achievement motivation
22. School engagement
23. Homework
24. Bonding to school
25. Reading for pleasure

Positive Values

26. Caring
27. Equality and social justice
28. Integrity
29. Honesty
30. Responsibility
31. Restraint

Social Competencies

32. Planning and decision making
33. Interpersonal competence
34. Cultural competence
35. Resistance skills
36. Peaceful conflict resolution

Positive Identity

37. Personal power
38. Self-esteem
39. Sense of purpose
40. Positive view of personal future

Resources you can use: Free materials, training, presentations, assistance!

Contact the Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth at 360-337-4879 or gneal@co.kitsap.wa.us

Pamphlets available in limited quantities

- 150 Ways to Show Kids You Care (poster style leaflet)
- 40 Ways Anyone can Build Assets (poster style leaflet)
- The Asset Approach (Adults)
- Making Change for the Better: The Importance of Youth Giving
- Take It to the Next Level

Book Available in single copy only, limited quantity available

- What Every Child Needs to Succeed from Birth to 8
- Giving Kids What They Need to Succeed (for adult presentations)

Local Library Resources with Asset Reference Materials

- Kitsap Regional Library
- Olympic Educational Service District (for school district personnel) OESD website <http://www.oesd.wednet.edu>