

KITSAP COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

In the Works

Summer 2008

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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Advocacy

KITSAP COUNTY LAUNCHES PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD THAT CAN BE

USED BY ALL RESIDENTS. The county is making free prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo) that offers average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

The cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage, and are accepted at 95% percent of the county's pharmacies. A national network of more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies also will honor the NACo prescription discount card.

Kitsap County is proud to be one of the counties nationwide participating with NACo. The NACo prescription discount card offers significant savings for the uninsured and underinsured residents of our county, and even those fortunate to have prescription coverage can use the card to save money on drugs that are not covered by their health plan. Residents do not have to be Medicare beneficiaries to be eligible for this program.

Best of all, there is no cost to county taxpayers for NACo and Kitsap County to make these money saving cards available to our residents.

Cards are available at the County Campus, County Libraries, Kitsap Credit Union, and various other agencies. County residents can call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit <https://naco.advancerx.com> for assistance with the program.

Using the NACo prescription discount card is easy. Simply present it at a participating pharmacy. There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance. For more information, contact Gay Neal at 337-4879.

Changes

DOVIA of KITSAP COUNTY has been dissolved. Future Volunteer Management training and networking opportunities will be provided by the Kitsap County United Way Volunteer Center. For more information, contact Jan Koske, 337-4650.

Events

KITSAP FARMERS MARKETS



Fresh local food can be found at farmers markets in Kitsap County. These markets feature the very freshest and highest quality produce hand picked by the farmer very early the same day.

[Bainbridge Island Farmers Market](#)

City Hall Park, Madison Avenue
Saturday, 9:00 AM -1:00 PM, through October 18.

[Bremerton Farmers Market](#)

Seaside Community Church corner of Park Ave & Sheldon Blvd
4:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Thursdays, through October 9.

[Kingston Farmers Market](#)

Mike Wallace Park at Washington & Central. Saturdays, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM through October 11

[Port Gamble Sunday Market](#)

Hwy 104 & Puget Way
Sundays, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM, through October 26

[Port Orchard Farmers Market](#)

Waterfront Marina, Behind Bay Street
Saturdays, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, through October 11

[Poulsbo Farmers Market](#)

7th Avenue & Iverson
Poulsbo Village Medical/Dental Center
Saturdays, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, through October 11

Silverdale Peninsula Farmers Market
Red Lion Hotel Parking Lot on Bucklin Hill Road, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Tuesdays, through September 30

Additional information on Kitsap and other area farmers markets can be found at

<http://www.wafarmersmarkets.com>.

CONCERTS BY THE BAY, Thursday's,

July 10 – August 14, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, Port Orchard Waterfront Marina.

July 10 – The New Blues Brothers, performing Dance Hits from the 50's, 60's and 70's.

July 17 – Jr. Cadillac, performing good time Rock & Roll.

July 24 – The Voetbergs, a family concert act and fiddle champions.

July 31 – Soultronic, performing a mix of Funk, Rock & Reggae.

August 7 – The Machine, performing party Rock & Roll.

August 14 – Dana & the Changes, an Elton John Tribute band.

Sponsored by Kitsap County Parks and Recreation, City of Port Orchard, Port of Bremerton, Kitsap Transit, Port Orchard Independent, and Fisher Distinctive Dentistry. For more information, contact 337-5350 or

<http://www.kitsapgov.com/parks>.

JOIN WSU MASTER GARDENERS AND POULSBO GARDEN CLUB VOLUNTEERS

for activities at Raab Park this summer! Children will participate in ongoing garden activities, such as watering, planting, and harvesting! Dress for hands-on activities and bring a sack lunch.

One or more adults must accompany every group of children and a \$1 donation per family is requested. Please notify Parks and Recreation at 779-9898 if you're bringing groups of

five or more youth. A take-home project is part of each week's events! All classes are held from 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM.

July 14 – Backyard Habitats + Native Plants.

July 28 – Insects and Snails in the Garden.

August 4 – Plantzilla & Create Your Own Bog.

August 11 – Art in the Garden.

August 18 – As We Were – Fishers, Gatherers, Hunters.

August 25 – Old Shoe Day.

For more information, contact Peg Tillery, at 337-7224.

11TH ANNUAL KITSAP HOUSING COALITION HOME OWNERSHIP



ROAD SHOW "FINDING YOUR WAY HOME." The road show sponsored by the Kitsap Housing Coalition will offer information on buying your first home or your next home.

The Finding Your Way Home (FYWH) Road Show upcoming booth locations will be at the:
Whaling Days, July 25-27
Blackberry Festival, September 5-7

Community service agencies will be present with information on Down Payment Assistance and Purchase programs for individuals who are low-moderate income, have disabilities or are buying on tribal and rural land.

For more information, contact Karen Carlson at 206-287-4413, or check the website at <http://www.kitsaphousingcoalition.org> and click on the "events" tab.



6TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC,

Tuesday, **July 22**, 5:00 PM, Evergreen Park, Bremerton. Join the Domestic Violence Task Force for food, fun, entertainment, face painting, clowns, and a free BBQ. Everyone is invited! Donations are welcomed!

FESTIVAL OF ARTS FOR CHILDREN,

Tuesday, **July 29**, 5:00 - 8:00 PM, Evergreen Rotary Park, Bremerton. Music performances by Joel Brantley. Free hands-on arts activities, music and entertainment for children and families. Volunteers and presenters are needed. For more information, contact Cynthia at 473-5425.

SILVERDALE SOUNDS ON THE

SOUND, Friday's, **August 1 – 29**, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, Silverdale Waterfront Park, rain or shine, no cost concerts.

August 1 – The Warren Brothers Band, Variety of Country and Rock & Roll.

August 8 – Party Safari, Hits of today and yesterday.

August 15 – Hit Sensation, Dance favorites.

August 29 – The Drive, Classic Rock and Alternative to Country & Blues.

Sponsored by Kitsap County Parks and Recreation, Port of Silverdale, and the Rotary Club of Silverdale. For more information, contact 337-5350 or <http://www.kitsapgov.com/parks>.

THE GREAT PENINSULA FUTURE

FESTIVAL, Saturday and Sunday, **August 2 – 3**, Port Gamble.

This two-day festival is a celebration of life with the goal of presenting “green” philosophies, and eco-friendly practices in fun and innovative ways. The festival

will feature locally produced food, interactive educational displays and exhibits, kids EcoArt and Eco-workshops, a “Species Parade,” as well as music, magic, juggling, acrobatics and comedy by outstanding entertainment like “The New Old Time Chautauqua.”

How you can participate:

- Represent your organization in a booth and have an eco-friendly interactive display.
- Volunteer to help with other event activities.
- Learn about a particular species, then create species masks or costumes and join our parade.

For details and more festival information check our web site at

<http://www.GreatPeninsulaFutureFestival.org>



MILITARY DATE NIGHT – Saturday, **August 2**, 5:30 - 9:30 PM, YMCA, Bremerton. **For Active Military families a Free Date Night! A Drop-off Childwatch Program on the first Saturday of the month** allows a military couple to drop off their children to enjoy a much needed night out. Qualified Childwatch personnel take loving care of the children, ages 4 weeks up to 12 years old, throughout the evening. Cost is normally \$3 per hour per child. Punch cards are available for non-members at \$25 for 10 hours.

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SPLASH AND JAM – Saturday, **August 16**, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, YMCA, Bremerton. Family fun for children of all ages (and adults too!) on the third Saturday evening of every month. Swimming, dodge ball, family movie (G-

rated), basketball, games, crafts and a meal provided to all attendees. Y members are free, but non-members are only \$5 per family member. For more information, contact the YMCA, 377-3741.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK,

Thursday, **August 21 & 28**, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Evergreen Rotary Park, Bremerton. Free! Relax and enjoy the outdoor performance - don't forget your picnic and blanket. The Changing Scene Theatre Northwest will present "Shakespeare in the Park: The Tempest." Adapted and Directed by Derek Miegemann. For more information, contact Cynthia at 473-5425.

KITSAP COUNTY FAIR AND STAMPEDE 2008, Kick it up!,

Wednesday – Sunday, **August 20 – 24**. Check online for details http://www.kitsapgov.com/parks/Fair_Stampepe.htm.



19TH ANNUAL BREMERTON BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL

Saturday - Monday, **August 30 - September 1**, downtown Bremerton. Now you can enjoy three days of music, food, arts & crafts, all in scenic downtown Bremerton. Blackberry events include a Fun-Run, Chalk Art Competition, Bike Ride, Air Show, and more. For more information contact, Bremerton Main Stream Association, 377-3041 or check out the website, <http://www.blackberryfestival.org>.



7TH ANNUAL CHALK ART

COMPETITION, Saturday, **August 30**, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM, Bremerton. Sponsored by Westsound Bank and Bremerton Parks and Recreation. Pick up an entry form at Bremerton Parks and Recreation office or Bremerton Main Stream office, 245 4th Street. Check-in between 11:30 AM and Noon in front of Westsound Bank on 2nd Street. Get a square and a bucket of chalk and draw until 2:00 PM. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. For more information, contact Cynthia 473-5425.

14th ANNUAL BLACKBERRY

FESTIVAL FUN RUN, Saturday, **August 30**, 8:30 AM, Downtown Bremerton. Registration starts at 8:30 AM, 1 mile at 9:30 AM, 5K at 9:45 AM and Kids Berry Dash at 10:00 AM. Registration forms available by calling 473-5305.



SAVE THE DATE

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S RAISE

THE ROOF, Friday, **September 12**.

For more information, call 479-3853.

Resources

KITSAP INTERAGENCY

COORDINATING COUNCIL, is families and professionals working together to meet the needs of children with disabilities birth to 6 years of age. The group meets the 3rd Thursday of every month, 10:00 AM – Noon, at the Olympic Educational Service District #114, Bremerton. Early Intervention in Kitsap is a collection of services that families may need for their infants or toddlers with disabilities. The ICC membership includes representatives from many of these services.

For more information, contact Kathy Avery, 373-2536 or fre@hollyridge.org, or visit Online <http://www.kitsapicc.org>

BREMERTON SUMMER FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

PROGRAM, Monday – Friday, **through August 8**, 8:00 AM, Sheridan Park Community Center, Bremerton. FREE Breakfast and Lunch will be served at the Community Center in the conference room thanks to the Bremerton School District's Summer Food Service Program for children ages 0-18. Breakfast and Lunch must be enjoyed at the Community Center. For more information, contact 473-5425.

Other summer lunch sites through August 8 include:

11:30 AM - Noon, Armin Jahr School
 11:30 AM - Noon, Manette Park
 11:30 AM - Noon, Haddon Park
 11:30 AM - Noon, Evergreen Park
 11:30 AM – Noon, Anderson Cove
 11:30 AM – Noon, Crownhill
 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Nollwood Community Center
 Noon - 12:15 PM, Westpark Community Center

Noon - 12:30 PM, Naval Ave School



GARDENING FOR FOODBANKS

If you are a gardener, have you ever considered gardening for food banks?

Anyone interested in growing fresh produce for the food banks can get technical advice from WSU's Master Gardeners. Hotline at 337-7158.

The following food banks can be contacted to make arrangements.

Sharenet/Kingston:

<http://www.sharenetfoodbank.org/index.html>

Bainbridge Island Helpline House:

office@helplinehouse.org

North Kitsap Fishline:

info@nkfishline.org

Central Kitsap Food Bank:

(360) 692-9818

Bremerton Food Line:

<http://foodline.homestead.com/>

St. Vincent's-Bremerton:

(360) 479-7017

Pastor Art's Homeless Feed/E. Brem:

artpreach@hotmail.com

The Lord's Neighborhood Diner:

sheponyx@aol.com

The Salvation Army:

<http://www.bremertonsalvationarmy.org/index.html>

South Kitsap Helpline:

<http://www.helplinefoodbank.org/foodbank.html>



LIBRARY SUMMER READING – "CATCH THE READING BUG!"

Young readers are invited to join the Summer Reading program at the Library this summer. Read (or get read to) for ten hours and receive a FREE paperback and a Kitsap County Fair & Stampede ticket (while supplies last).

Fun & educational events -- over fifty events are planned on Tuesday's in August for pre-school & school-age kids. Special Teen events will be held at each library, including a "Teen Mystery Night" and a "Teen Rock Tournamnet." Check out the complete list of summer events at <http://www.KRL.org>.

Kitsap Regional Library has nine branch libraries (Bainbridge Island, Downtown Bremerton, Kingston, Little Boston, Manchester, Port Orchard, Poulsbo, Silverdale, Sylvan Way) and a 24-hour online Library at <http://www.KRL.org>.

TEEN SUBSTANCE ABUSE

CONTINUES TO DECLINE. Use of illicit drugs by students in the 8th, 10th, and 12th grades declined 24 percent over the past 6 years, according to the 2007 Monitoring the Future (MTF) survey. The rate of past-month illicit drug used dropped from 19.4 percent in 2001 to 14.8 percent in 2007, which indicates that an estimated 860,000 fewer teenagers are current users.

Declines among 8th graders were particularly noteworthy. Illicit drug use and cigarette smoking declined significantly not only in the past 6 years, but also since 2006. Typically, year-to-year changes are within a margin of error and therefore not large enough to be considered significant.

Change in Illicit Drug Use by 8 th , 10 th , and 12 th Graders Since 2001			
Percent Reporting Past Month Use			
	2001	2007	Change as a % of 2001
Any Illicit Drug	19.4%	14.8%	-24*
Marijuana	16.6%	12.4%	-25*
MDMA (Ecstasy)	2.4%	1.1%	-54*
LSD	1.5%	0.6%	-60*
Amphetamines	4.7%	3.2%	-32*
Inhalants	2.8%	2.6%	-7
Methamphetamine	1.4%	0.5%	-64*
Steroids	0.9%	0.6%	-33*
Cocaine	1.5%	1.4%	-7
Heroin	0.4%	0.4%	0
Alcohol	35.5%	30.1%	-15*
Cigarettes	20.2%	13.6%	-33*

*Denotes statistically significant change from 2001.
 Note: Past month use, 8th, 10th, 12th grades combined: percent change calculated from figures having more precision than shown. Source: University of Michigan, 2007 Monitoring the Future survey.

Further information and the full text of the survey are available at <http://www.drugabuse.gov/drugpages/MTF.html> and <http://www.monitoringthefuture.org>.

Training

SCIENCE CAMP, Monday – Friday, **July 21 – 25**, 12:00 – 2:30 PM, Luther Center For Learning, Port Orchard. The Luther Center for Learning is offering Science Camp to motivate 1st thru 7th grade girls and boys to have fun with science. There will be an emphasis on critical thinking and creative problem-solving. There will be science experiments, chemistry, and design of simple machines. In addition, there will be interactive activities to boost retention. Curriculum aligns with State Standards in science. Cost: \$75.

For more information, contact the Luther Center, 360-895-1782.

APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING (ASSIST)

Thursday – Friday, **July 24 – 25**, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Puget Sound ESD 121, Renton. ASSIST is a 2-day workshop designed to teach the skills to competently and confidently intervene with a youth at risk of suicide. Developed by LivingWorks Education, Inc., the workshop prepares Youth Gatekeepers to integrate principles of intervention into everyday practice.

This workshop is exclusively for:

- Juvenile Justice Personnel (probation/parole officers) who work with community youth.
- Community aftercare personnel working with at-risk youth.

Cost: None, however must be able to attend both days of training. For more information, contact Raquel Reyes at 206-297-5922, ext. 4 or raquel@yspp.org.



A clearinghouse of public health education and health promotion projects, materials and resources in the State of Washington. H.E.R.E. in Washington is a public health resource for professionals who conduct health promotion and health education activities and strive to provide educational resources that are accurate, effective and current. Other websites or organizations are linked to H.E.R.E. in Washington as a professional courtesy and are not controlled or endorsed by the State of Washington or the Department of Health. Visit H.E.R.E. Online at <http://www3.doh.wa.gov/here>.

SOUTHEASTERN WASHINGTON AUTISM CONFERENCE, Thursday – Friday, **July 31 – August 1**, Kennewick. This conference takes place at the Three Rivers Convention Center and is sponsored by the Neurological Resource Center, the Kadlec Foundation and the Carson Kolzig Foundation. It features breakout session, workshops and keynote speakers Dr. Paul Kluth and Dr. Temple Grandin. For more information, call 920-749-0332 or visit Online at <http://www.neurologicalresource.org/events.htm>.

SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE, Monday – Friday, **August 11 – 15**, Seattle. This institute takes place at the University of Washington and is sponsored by the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice at the University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine. Courses include: community behavioral health, epidemiology and health communications. Interwoven throughout the curriculum are expert

presentations and case studies focused on climate change, the built environment and communicable disease. Final registration deadline is July 21. For more information, visit Online <http://www.nwcphp.org/si>.

STRATEGIES FOR PROMOTING RESILIENCY WITH OLDER ADULTS CONFERENCE, Tuesday, **September 16**, SeaTac. This conference is sponsored by the Mental Health Division of the Department of Social and Health Services. It will focus on the mental health needs of older adults. Topics include: cultural competency, partnerships between aging and mental health systems and accessing the public mental health system. For more information, contact Kara Panek at 360-902-8282 or panekm@dshs.wa.gov.

STATEWIDE YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE, Monday, **September 22**, 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM, SeaTac. This conference is sponsored by the Youth Suicide Prevention Program and the Washington State Department of Health. The focus of this conference is on suicide prevention and early intervention for disenfranchised youth who are GLBTQ, homeless, in foster care, in the juvenile justice system or from a tribe. For more information, visit Online at <http://www.regionline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=606693>

A CONVERGENCE FOR CHANGE – POLITICS, POLICIES & PHILANTHROPY, Friday, **September 26**, SeaTac. This conference is sponsored by the Alliance for Healthy Communities of Color. It is designed for people concerned with the elimination of health disparities and health inequities, including staff from community-based clinics. More information will be available soon.

APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING (ASSIST), Monday – Tuesday, **August 4 - 5**, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Department of Child & Family Services, Kent. ASSIST is a 2-day workshop designed to teach the skills to competently and confidently intervene with a youth at risk of suicide. Developed by LivingWorks Education, Inc., the workshop prepares Youth Gatekeepers to integrate principles of intervention into everyday practice.

This workshop is exclusively for:

- Foster and adoptive parents.
- Relatives or caregivers of foster care or adoptive children.

Cost: None, however must be able to attend both days of training. For more information, contact Raquel Reyes at 206-297-5922, ext. 4 or raquel@yspp.org.

SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, Tuesday – Wednesday, **August 5**, 9:30 AM – 3:45 PM, **August 6**, 9:00 AM – 3:15 PM, Olympic Educational Service District #114, Bremerton. The 2008 Olympic ESD 114 Leadership Conference supports leaders' continuous development in order to create and sustain high performing schools.

For more information on the conference, including the keynotes and breakout sessions, please refer to the conference flyer Online <http://www.oesd.wednet.edu> or contact the Professional Development Registrar at 360-405-5801.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, Sunday – Friday, **August 10 – 15**, Olympia. Washington State's Eighth Annual Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities is sponsored by the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment. It is located at the Evergreen State College. The forum is designed for incoming high school juniors and seniors with disabilities who want to be or are leaders in their schools and communities. For more information, call 360-438-3246.

MERRILL SCOTT SYMPOSIUM ON ALCOHOLISM AND OTHER DRUG ADDICTIONS TRAINING, Wednesday – Friday, **August 20 – 22**, Yakima. Sponsored by the Sundown M Ranch and Central Washington Chemical Dependency Treatment Providers Alliance. For more information, contact Sundown M Ranch at 1-800-326-7444 or (509) 457-0990.

APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING (ASSIST), Wednesday - Thursday, **September 10 - 11**, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Muckleshoot Tribal Health & Wellness Center, Auburn. ASSIST is a 2-day workshop designed to teach the skills to competently and confidently intervene with a youth at risk of suicide. Developed by LivingWorks Education, Inc., the workshop prepares Youth Gatekeepers to integrate principles of intervention into everyday practice.

This workshop is exclusively for:

- Staff who work with youth in Native American Communities.

Cost: None, however must be able to attend both days of training. For more information, contact Raquel Reyes at 206-297-5922, ext. 4 or raquel@yspp.org.

2008 CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS CONFERENCE, Monday and Tuesday, **September 29 - 30**, Yakima. This annual conference brings together chemical dependency, criminal justice, mental health, and developmental disabilities professionals to learn how to effectively respond to individuals with Co-occurring Disorders. Track workshops will cover a variety of topics, including best practice models, post traumatic stress disorder and trauma, updates in pharmacology, depression and substance abuse in older adults.

For more information, contact Ruth Leonard at leonamr@dshs.wa.gov or go to <http://casat.unr.edu/dasa/>.

2008 PREVENTION SUMMIT, Friday and Saturday, **October 17 - 18**, Yakima. This annual summit provides support and education for the development, implementation, and continuation of prevention programming throughout Washington State. It also offers opportunities for youth to share thoughts and ideas on how to intervene with peers who are facing destructive decisions. For more information, contact Steve Brown at brownsq@dshs.wa.gov or visit <http://www.dasa.casat.org>.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES HEALTHY YOUTH CONFERENCE, Thursday – Friday, **November 6 – 8**, Minneapolis, Minnesota. 2008 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Search Institute and there is much to celebrate! Connect to Hope: Igniting Sparks, when youth and adults connect with their innate gifts and creativity, their efforts bring renewed hope for the future.

Conference Registration Fees:

Early Bird Rates – before September 19
Adults \$575/Youth \$395/Seniors \$395
Regular Rates – after September 19
Adults \$620/Youth \$440/Seniors \$440.

For more information contact the Search Institute at 612-376-8955 or 800-888-7828 or visit Online at <http://www.search-institute.org>.



For Your Calendar

July

- 21/25 **SCIENCE CAMP**, Port Orchard, 12:00 – 2:30 PM. For more information, Luther Center, 895-1782.
- 22 **6TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC**, Bremerton, Evergreen Park, 5:00 PM. Sponsored by the Kitsap County Domestic Violence Task Force.
- 24/25 **APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING (ASSIST)**, Renton, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. Contact Raquel Reyes at 206-297-5922, ext. 4 or Raquel@yspp.org
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- 5/6 **SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**, Bremerton OESD #114, Registrar, 405-5801 or <http://www.oesd.wednet.edu>
- 10/15 **YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**, Olympia. For more information, 360-438-3246.
- 11/15 **SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE**, Seattle. For more information visit Online at <http://www.nwcphp.org/si>
- 16 **SPLASH AND JAM**, Bremerton, 6:00 – 9:00 PM. For more information, YMCA, 377-3741.

August *continued*

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- 22 **STATEWIDE YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE**, SeaTac, 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM. For more information <http://www.regionline.como/builder/site/Default.aspx?eentiid=606693>
- 26 **A CONVERGENCE FOR CHANGE – Politics, Policies & Philanthropy**, SeaTac. More information will be available soon.
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October

- 17/18 **2008 PREVENTION SUMMIT**, Yakima. Contact Steve Brown, brownsg@dshs.wa.gov or <http://www.dasa.casat.org>

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, Sherry Charlot, 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 **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
- 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
Admiral Theatre Community Room. Arli Stewart,
1-800-503-7615
- 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. Kelly Chatwood
KitsapSPTF@comcast.net

Thursday

- 1st **KITSAP COUNTY HIV/AIDS FOUNDATION**
5:30 – 7:00 PM. 373-8200 or 1-866-831-2177
- 1st **KITSAP COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH**, 4:30 – 6:30 PM. Gay Neal, 337-4879
- 1st **KITSAP COUNTY HIV AIDS FOUNDATION**
5:30 – 7:00 PM. Natalie Bryson, 698-3335
- 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
- 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

Friday

- Every **KITSAP YOUTH DROP IN CENTER**, 6:00 PM
Silverdale. Michael Goodnow, 698-3335

Saturday

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

Summer 2008

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.

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Kitsap Cares Story #30*

How [Pathways to Success](#) Cares About Kids

"When I first came to Pathways for Success I blamed everyone for my problems. I learned that I am the only one that can make the decision on how successful I will be in reaching my goals. I have finally accepted responsibility for my life."

Former Pathways to Success Student

Darence Shine was a new counselor at Pathways to Success, Kitsap County's youth workforce development program. His first client had the idea that the world owed her something. "I was new, so it was hard for me to listen to her blame everyone else for all her problems in life. She told me that it would be really hard to help someone with all of her problems. I knew this youth was going to be a hand full."

Darence realized that she needed someone to let her know that she could make it, that she could do anything she put her mind to do. "The next time she started with the negative talk I shared positive examples of how she had made it through a negative problem. I continued to do this and by the end of our meeting she understood that if she focused on solutions she could make positive changes in her life."

Development Asset #30: "I can accept and take personal responsibility." The Search Institute has identified 40 Development Assets that help young people grow up to be health, caring and responsible.

If you want to share your story about how you, your organization or businesses has changed the life of a young person, email your story to Gay Neal at gneal@co.kitsap.wa.us or visit the website at <http://www.kitsapcaresaboutkids.org>.

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, on-line response form. Your comments will be added to the story of how asset building is changing the face of our community.

Asset #39 - Sense of Purpose

At Home

- Model what it means to have a sense of purpose in life. Do things that matter to you; develop your talents; pursue your dreams. Share your sense of purpose with your children. Make it clear that you believe your life has meaning.
- Listen to your kids when they talk about their dreams. Get excited with them. Ask how you can help.

At School

- Encourage students to write down their dreams and goals, both short-term and long-term. Check in with them periodically to see how it's going. Let them know it's okay to revise their goals and set new ones.
- Include service learning as part of the regular school curriculum. Students who make a difference in the world know that their lives have meaning and purpose.

In the Community

- Involve youth in volunteer activities. Recognize their skills and accomplishments.
- Highlight community members who have contributed to community life in significant ways.

Asset #40 - Positive View of Personal Future

At Home

- Inspire hope by being hopeful, optimism by being optimistic. Look forward to your future and the future of your family with joyful anticipation.
- Take time to enjoy life. Notice and appreciate a beautiful sunset, a good dinner, a funny show on television, a flower in your garden, a song you hear on the car radio. Share your joy with your children.
- Be spontaneous. Drop everything to play ball, take a walk, catch a movie, or play a game with your kids. Spontaneity is essentially hopeful; you choose to do something suddenly because you expect to have a good time.

At School

- Encourage and support students in pursuing their dreams.
- Expose students to positive role models whose backgrounds are similar to theirs. This is especially important for students who come from troubled or economically disadvantaged families. It gives them hope for their own future.

In the Community

- Help young people to set personal goals that inspire hope.
- Encourage kids to name their fears – things that might stop them from reaching their goals. Once fears are named, they can be addressed and dealt with.
- Affirm and publicize the good things about your community. Be optimistic about its future.
- Make a public statement about your community's commitment to the well-being of youth. Make a list of ways your community will work toward this commitment. Have it printed in your local newspaper. This will help to inspire community-wide optimism.

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 **new**
- Take It to the Next Level **new**

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>