

The Mission of the developmental disabilities advisory board is to promote choice, opportunity, and support for people with disabilities in an enhanced community where all people are included, respected, and dignified.

Kitsap County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

Date: March 1, 2022

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: [Zoom Link](#)

Call-in Option: 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID # 821 4356 6203

Passcode # 548948

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS**
- 3. APPROVAL OF February 1, 2022 MINUTES***
- 4. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA***
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 - B. Transition Student Update**
 - C. County Supported Employment Program Update**
- 6. COMMUNITY INPUT**
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
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 - a) Senate and House Budgets**
 - B. Advocacy Reports**
 - C. Virtual Annual Resource Fair Update**
 - D. COVID Information Update**
 - E. Board Officer Nominations**
 - F. DDA/DVR Provider Updates**
 - G. Provider Updates**
 - H. Officer Report**
 - I. Staff Report**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

* = Indicates action item

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
KITSAP COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
ADVISORY BOARD**

**Zoom Virtual Meeting
5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 1, 2022**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER-** Sandy LaCelle called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS-** Members and guests introduced themselves; attendance was taken.
- 3. APPROVAL OF December 7, 2021 MINUTES***

MOTION: Donna Gearns moved to approve December 7, 2021 minutes as submitted. Frances Aquiningoc seconded. Motion carried.

4. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA*

MOTION: Frances Aquiningoc moved to approve the Agenda with 7.C moved to the beginning. Jennifer Acuna seconded. Motion carried.

7.C Affordable Housing Presentation

- a) Doug Washburn, Director for Kitsap County Human Services Department discussed the newly passed Housing Ordinance for affordable housing related services. This will be a tax, costing citizens approximately \$17.00 a year with availability for low and moderate families to receive a rebate. The funds will allow leveraging for housing acquisition and construction.
- b) A feasibility study was conducted identifying the issues that need to be addressed.
 - There is need to have triple the housing units available by 2036, approximately 25,150
 - Nearly 40% of Kitsap residents pay over 30% of their income for housing.
 - Lack of affordable housing leaves vulnerable populations at risk.
 - Recent study shows; 1,747 residents applied for housing assistance through Kitsap Housing Solutions Center, 414 homeless children were counted by the school district, 533 people were counted without homes. 83% of households were below the poverty level.
 - What has created the increase in homelessness; cost of housing has risen, and wages are stagnant. There is not enough available affordable housing for the low-income area and once households or individuals are displaced, the barriers to finding another home are increased. The cost of housing is

driving the homeless population up.

- Reasons for homelessness reported in the recent study from 116 unsheltered households;
 - #1 reason: Eviction/Loss of Housing 54%
 - #2 reason: Health/Mental Health issues 53%
 - #3 reason: Job Loss/ Unable to Work 48%
 - #4 reason: Family Conflict 36%
 - #5 reason: Substance Use 24%
 - #6 reason: Discharged from the System 22%
- The tax will generate approximately \$5.4 million annually to be used for construction and facilities providing housing and mental health services.
- The funding will serve; those with behavioral health disabilities, veterans, senior citizens, youth-unaccompanied, persons with disabilities or domestic violence victims.
- Enactment of the tax is scheduled for April 1, 2022

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Working Age Adult Policy Implementation

- a. Keyport tour was postponed until March due to rise in county COVID cases and measures enacted; the tour will entail reviewing various departments work tasks and meet with hiring managers to ask questions and better understand the work being conducted.
- b. The WOA 200 series, formally offered through Highline Community College facilitated by WISE was postponed until the fall; three agency staff are planning to attend.
- c. On-going efforts with Kitsap Rotaries and Partner's for Work was discussed. A one-pager of potential activities was developed as part of outreach efforts.
- e. Staff is continuing to track employment during COVID; increased to 60%

B. Transition Student Update

- a. Wrapping up the 2021 transition services, School to Work, 78% and DVR-only, 66% of students were employed; remaining students continue to receive services and pursue employment.
- b. 2022 School to Work students working with agencies to obtain employment; 2023 Job Foundation activities have begun; ten students are signed up; anticipate a few additional students to sign up and/or complete the sign-up process over the next couple months.
- c. A statewide report was compiled for the first year of the Job Foundation pilot. The pilot was launched in September of 2020 with the purposes of engaging students sooner in employment planning and increase partnerships. Highlights from the report:

- 184 students had a Job Foundation report completed within 90 districts
- Involvement from 20 of the 39 counties in Washington
- WISE conducted 6 community trainings
- Job Foundations materials were translated into 8 languages
- Increased school, County, employment collaborations
- d. Next PAVE, IEP Workshop will occur virtually on Feb. 23rd from 2-4 pm. The topic is, Understanding the Special Education Process. The handout with the information including the meeting link, will be re-sent out after the meeting.

C. County Supported Employment Update

- a. Tabled until March meeting.

6. COMMUNITY INPUT

- a. No input

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative and Budget Updates

- a. Handouts outlining the Governor's Budget was discussed, Highlights included:
 - Continue COVID rate enhancement for personal care providers
 - Funding to expand intensive habilitation and out of home services for children and youth, 8-21
 - DDA waiver and SOLA forecasting to determine appropriate methods for estimating needs; add DDA forecasting to 2023-2025 biennium
 - Add Transitional Case Management to coordinate transition of clients form one care setting to another
 - Expand Enhanced DDA Case Management Services from 700 to 1500 clients statewide
- b. 2022 Bills of interest;
 - HB 5790 Increase Employment and Community Inclusion rates, establish school to work in all counties
 - HB 1980 Allow employment services and community Inclusion concurrently
 - HB 1965 Veterans and Disabilities Levy
- c. Department of Licensing, passed and took effect in 2021 availability to add medical and disabilities designations to ID's. Voluntary, link provided in handout

B. Advocacy Reports

- a. Justin will present in March

C. Affordable Housing Presentation – Moved up

D. 2022 Virtual Resource Fair

- a. The Resource Fair will be offered virtually again this year. It will be available online from April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022. A flyer with the link to be sent out once it is closer;
 - o This year, in addition to agency and organization resource contacts and information; content will be added highlighting agency services through customer stories as well as information regarding transition services, resources and student stories.

E. COVID Test Information

- a. Availability of COVID home tests was discussed, resources in handout

F. Affordable Connectivity Program Information

a. The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a [Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\) program](#) that replaces the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB Program) to help low-income households pay for internet service and connected devices. If your household is eligible you can receive:

- Up to a \$30/month discount on your internet service
- Up to a \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)
- Enrollment is open and information on how to apply was shared

G. DDA/DVR Provider Updates

a. Kim McCarty introduced Susan Pfundt, New DDA Supervisor hired in December; announced Kitsap office is now fully staffed; highly suggested, those needing services on the No Paid Services caseload to contact DDA's No Paid Services line as soon as possible; no cloth masks are allowed in DDA office, will provide a mask if needed; DVR is moving into the DDA building.

H. Provider Updates

- a. Kimberly Adams, ARC of the Peninsulas updates on the, Life After High School presentation, stating it was a success. Also included upcoming Events:
 - Guardianship Seminar, February 9, 2022
 - Seminar: 6 PM - 8 PM
 - Q&A: 8 PM - 9PM,
 - ZOOM - ONLY

ABLE Accounts & Endowment Trust, February 19, 2022,
 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
 In-Person or Zoom

Register at <http://penarc.recdesk.com/community/calendar>

Further announcements;

- SIB Shop and TEEN SIB Shop
- Father's support network event

G. Officer Report

a. None

H. Staff Report

a. None

8. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

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ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS	GUESTS/ORGANIZATIONS	STAFF
<p><u>Present</u> Sandra LaCelle Frances Aquiningoc Donna Gearns Heidi Scheibner Jennifer Acuña Veola Taylor</p> <p><u>Absent</u> George Adams Kathy Loughheed Rae Williams</p>	<p><i>Kimberly Adams, ARC of the Peninsulas</i> <i>Kim McCarty, DDA</i> <i>Susan Pfundt, DDA Supervisor</i></p>	<p>Kelly Oneal Hannah Shockley Doug Washburn Sonya Miles</p>

Transition Student Update

March 2022

<u>2021 Transition Students</u>	State-only	Waiver	Total
School to Work Program Participants	0	0	0
DVR	0	4	4
Declined, d/c, or other	4	9	13
No contact	0	0	0
Employed/Long Term Funding	0	12	12
Total 2021 Transition Students	4	25	29

<u>2022 Transition Students</u>	State-only	Waiver	Total
School to Work Program Participants	5	7	12
DVR	1	0	1
Completed Job Foundation	4	7	11

<u>2023 Transition Students</u>	State-only	Waiver	Total
Job Foundation Program Participants	6	6	12



ESD 114 SERIES OF ZOOM WORKSHOPS AND IEP CLINICS

Special Education 2021-2022 School Year

These trainings are opportunities for parents, caregivers, and professionals to learn how students receive their special education services. From 2pm – 3pm will be the training topic.

The IEP clinic will go from 3pm – 4pm that will allow individuals to bring your students IEP, Evaluation, or 504 plan to the clinic and asked questions/answers.

QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT VANESSA LEWIS

 **253-720-1583** or

 Vlewis@wapave.org

 Visit wapave.org for more information

This training provides the participant with a variety of types of information. This may include information on State or Federal law regarding the rights of individuals with disabilities. While this is provided to inform or make one aware of these rights, legal definitions, or laws/regulations, it is not providing legal representation or legal advice. The participant understands that this is information to educate them not to provide them with legal representation.

TOPICS AND DATES FOR
THE ZOOM WORKSHOPS
AND IEP CLINICS

HYBRID AND VIRTUAL
LEARNING
OCTOBER 27, 2021
TFAFORMS.COM/4934244

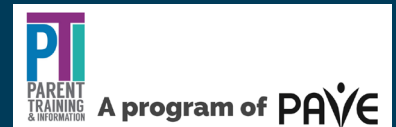
BIRTH TO THREE SERVICES
DEC 15, 2021

UNDERSTANDING THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION
PROCESS
FEB 23, 2022

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION
APRIL 27, 2022

PREPARING FOR THE
2022 - 2023
SCHOOL YEAR

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	2021-23		2023-25
	NGF-O	Total Budget	NGF-O
2021-23 Original Appropriations	1,942,471	4,358,135	2,272,652
2021-23 Maintenance Level	1,901,129	4,294,612	2,233,561
Policy Other Changes:			
1. Community Supports for Children	1,309	2,271	9,015
2. In-Home Provider PPE	1,950	4,510	3,575
3. Community Residential Services	308	545	618
4. Agency Provider Tax Rate Adjustment	123	279	266
5. Transitional Care Management	2,172	3,838	5,255
6. Medicaid Expenditures	91	162	183
7. DDA No-Paid Caseload	2,581	4,641	7,891
8. Adult Family Homes CBA	1,389	2,667	2,778
9. CDE Transition Costs	298	676	500
10. COVID FMAP Increase	-50,955	-24,973	0
11. Youth Crisis Stabilization	81	140	170
12. Financial Eligibility Staff	1,413	2,497	0
13. DDC Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	500	500	0
14. HCBS Provider Development	1,795	2,844	3,446
15. Acute Care Hospital Capacity	0	66	0
16. Enhanced Case Management	2,498	4,345	5,009
17. Assisted Living Facility Rates	228	512	479
18. Personal Needs Allowance	31	50	82
19. Statewide DEI Training Backfill	0	0	792
20. Network Risk Mitigation	353	712	446
21. Enhance Community Residential Rate	40,196	80,392	84,428
22. SEIU 775 Agency Providers Parity	953	2,167	2,156
23. SEIU 775 In Home Providers	8,764	19,920	20,713
24. Personal Protective Equipment	0	2,438	0
25. DCYF IT Transition	306	505	355
26. SEIU and Liang Settlements	19,648	44,654	2,399
27. Supptd Employment-CI Rate Increase	4,188	8,294	8,796
28. Targeted Provider Rates	37,260	75,045	3,693
29. Modifying DD Services	1,046	1,768	2,197
Policy -- Other Total	78,526	241,465	165,241
Policy -- Comp Total	14,013	25,381	17,500

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	2021-23		2023-25
	NGF-O	Total Budget	NGF-O
Policy -- UAR Total	0	51,347	0
Total Policy Changes	92,539	318,193	182,741
2021-23 Policy Level	1,993,668	4,612,805	2,416,302
Difference from 2021-23 Original	51,197	254,670	143,650
% Change from 2021-23 Original	2.6%	5.8%	6.3%

Comments:

1. Community Supports for Children

Funding is provided to expand intensive habilitation services and out-of-home services options for children and youth aged eight to 21. Two, three-bed facilities will be phased in to provide short-term (up to 90 days) intensive habilitation services for children and youth aged eight to 21. An additional six, three-bed facilities will be phased in for long-term enhanced out-of-home services to support youth aged 12 to 21 who are discharging from inpatient care. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Custom)

2. In-Home Provider PPE

Funding is provided to purchase, store, and distribute personal protective equipment to in-home providers. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Custom)

3. Community Residential Services

Funding is provided to hire 4.0 quality assurance FTEs to monitor services delivered to over 4,500 clients served in contracted residential programs. These staff will verify that Medicaid clients receive services authorized on Core and Community Protection waivers as required by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Custom)

4. Agency Provider Tax Rate Adjustment

Funding is provided to adjust the employer tax rate paid to home care agencies. An exemption lowered the tax rate used to calculate the tax costs paid on behalf of clients served by individual providers, which created a gap in the tax rate used to calculate parity impacts for agency providers. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Custom)

5. Transitional Care Management

Funding is provided to phase-in a total of 35 FTEs through June 2023 to create transition coordination teams to coordinate transitions of care for clients who move from one type of care setting to a new one. DSHS shall submit a preliminary report in December 2022 and the legislature intends that an annual report be submitted thereafter that describes the outcomes associated with client transitions before and after implementation of these transition coordination teams; a description of lessons learned since the teams were implemented, including an identification of what processes were improved to reduce the timelines for completion; and recommendations for necessary changes to improve increasing stability of client placements. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Custom)

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6. Medicaid Expenditures

Funding and staffing are provided to implement Substitute Senate Bill 5620 (medicaid expenditures), which requires oversight of Medicaid program integrity activities required by federal regulation. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Custom)

7. DDA No-Paid Caseload

Funding and FTEs are provided to implement Substitute Senate Bill 5819 (DDA No-Paid Caseload), which requires the Department to hire two, permanent FTEs to regularly review and maintain the no-paid services caseload and to provide case management services to individuals on the no-paid services caseload which include contacting and responding to the client to discuss their needs and explaining to the client service options available through the department or other community resource. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Custom)

8. Adult Family Homes CBA

Funding is provided for implementation of an agreement reached between the Governor and the Adult Family Home Council under the provisions of Chapter 41.56 RCW for FY2023. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Ongoing)

9. CDE Transition Costs

In April 2022, the Consumer Directed Employer will become the new administrative employer for over 45,000 individual providers who serve clients in their home. Funding is provided for the anticipated costs to continue health insurance payments for those who are on paid family leave. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Ongoing)

10. COVID FMAP Increase

The federal Families First Coronavirus Relief Act authorized an additional 6.2 percent in federal matching funds (FMAP) for the duration of the public health emergency. As a result, federal authority is increased and General Fund-State is decreased to reflect the enhanced FMAP through the end of June 2022. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (One-Time)

11. Youth Crisis Stabilization

In collaboration with the Health Care Authority, a new, short-term Residential Crisis Stabilization Program (RCSP) will be developed for youth with severe behavioral health diagnoses. The capital budget includes appropriations in the Department of Commerce for a grant program to establish at least two, 16-bed facilities that are anticipated to open in FY2024. Funding is provided for DSHS to hire a program manager to begin planning for services in this facility. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Ongoing)

12. Financial Eligibility Staff

One-time funding is provided for 22.3 FTE staff in FY2023 to complete financial eligibility determinations within a 45-day time frame, reduce the backlog of clients waiting for eligibility determination, and reduce wait times in the call center. The Department shall submit a preliminary report in December 2022 and a final report by June 30, 2023 that details how the funding was utilized and a description of how the timeline for completion of these determinations has changed. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (One-Time)

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13. DDC Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

One-time funding is provided for the Developmental Disabilities Council to partner with racially diverse communities across the state to facilitate the development and implementation of recommendations to reduce barriers and increase access for individuals with disabilities from immigrant communities, communities of color, and other underserved communities, and to build the capacity of the Northstar coalition. A racial equity plan for ongoing policy development shall be submitted by June 30, 2023. (General Fund-State) (One-Time)

14. HCBS Provider Development

Funding is provided to increase the hourly rates paid to contracted providers of community engagement, supported parenting, and respite services effective April 1, 2022. Additionally, funding is provided for an assistive technology program manager to provide advice, conduct evaluations and make recommendations to clients, families, providers and case managers on the type of assistive technology that may help clients maintain independence. The Department is required to modify contract language to ensure providers utilize funds solely for allowable costs and that any funding used for unallowable costs be refunded immediately. The Department must submit a preliminary report by December 1, 2022 and a final report by June 30, 2023 that details how the funds were utilized and the associated outcomes, including a detailed accounting of service utilization and any changes in utilization as a result of this funding. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Custom)

15. Acute Care Hospital Capacity

Funding is provided to continue through June 2022 incentive payments to long-term care settings to take patients from acute care hospitals who no longer need acute levels of care. (Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund-Federal) (One-Time)

16. Enhanced Case Management

Funding is provided to expand access to the enhanced case management program from 700 to 1,500 clients and to establish a process for clients to receive automatic nursing referrals in certain circumstances. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Custom)

17. Assisted Living Facility Rates

Funding is provided to increase funding for the assisted living Medicaid methodology payment rates established in 74.39A.032 RCW to 68 percent of full methodology funding effective July 1, 2022. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Ongoing)

18. Personal Needs Allowance

Funding is provided for a cost-of-living adjustment to the personal needs allowance (PNA) for Medicaid clients in residential and institutional settings. The PNA is the amount of personal income retained by these clients to pay for their personal needs, including housing costs, utilities, food, and personal incidentals. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Custom)

19. Statewide DEI Training Backfill

Funding is provided to backfill positions that require coverage at all times so they can attend the statewide diversity, equity, and inclusion training from the Department of Enterprise Services. The multi-day training will be administered to 25 percent of staff each fiscal year until 100 percent of staff have attended the training, starting in FY 2024. (General Fund-State) (Custom)

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20. Network Risk Mitigation

Funding is provided to replace aging hardware and improve network security in order to reduce the risk of service interruption. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Custom)

21. Enhance Community Residential Rate

Funding is provided to increase base rates for community residential providers by the level of the temporary rate add-ons in effect through June 2022. These new base rates will go into effect July 1, 2022. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Ongoing)

22. SEIU 775 Agency Providers Parity

Funding is provided for the home care agency parity impacts of the agreement between the Governor and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 775. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Custom)

23. SEIU 775 In Home Providers

Funding is provided for the implementation of an agreement reached between the Governor and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 775, the official bargaining representative for individual providers. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Custom)

24. Personal Protective Equipment

Funding is provided to purchase, store, and distribute personal protective equipment to DSHS employees. (Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund-Federal) (Ongoing)

25. DCYF IT Transition

Funding is provided to maintain current information technology service levels as a result of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families moving to an internally managed network. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Ongoing)

26. SEIU and Liang Settlements

Funds are provided to settle the cases of Liang, et al, v. Washington DSHS, et al, and SEIU 775 v. Washington DSHS, et al. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Custom)

27. Supptd Employment-CI Rate Increase

Funding is provided to make permanent the temporary contract rates put in place through June 2022 for supported employment and community inclusion providers. The Department shall complete a comprehensive study of the current rate structure paid to these providers and report back no later than October 1, 2022 with recommendations for: 1) the rates needed for providers to cover their costs and maintain the necessary infrastructure, and 2) a methodology to utilize in the future for regularly analyzing costs and rate adjustments, including the frequency of these adjustments, in order to ensure that services achieve client outcomes. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Ongoing)

28. Targeted Provider Rates

Funding is provided to continue the COVID-19 rate enhancements for contracted providers. The temporary rate add-ons in effect in December 2021 will continue through June 2022 and then will be adjusted to reflect base rate increases funded in the 2021-23 biennial budget before being phased out by June 2024 by reducing them 20 percent every two quarters. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Custom)

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29. Modifying DD Services

Funding is provided to implement Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5268 (Dev. disability services). In addition to funding provided in the 2021-23 biennial budget, funds are provided to hold the community residential placement for up to 90 days for clients who are transitioned to an Intermediate Care Facility for short-term crisis stabilization and to hire 1.0 FTE to assist in the courtesy forecasts of caseloads for the Individual and Family Services and Basic Plus waivers, and State-Operated Living Alternatives. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Ongoing)

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	FTEs	NGF-O	Total
2021-23 Original Appropriations	4,584.7	1,942,471	4,358,135
2021-23 Maintenance Level	4,610.1	1,901,129	4,294,612
Policy Other Changes:			
1. Community Supports for Children	2.5	4,600	8,096
2. In-Home Provider PPE	1.9	1,950	4,510
3. Community Residential Services	2.0	308	545
4. Agency Provider Tax Rate Adjustment	0.0	123	279
5. Transitional Care Management	19.2	4,791	8,465
6. Adult Family Homes CBA	0.0	1,389	2,667
7. Benefits Planning	0.0	100	100
8. CDE Transition Costs	0.0	298	676
9. Children/Behavioral Health	0.2	54	54
10. COVID FMAP Increase	0.0	-51,135	-25,153
11. Youth Crisis Stabilization	0.5	81	140
12. Financial Eligibility Staff	11.2	1,413	2,497
13. HCBS Provider Development	0.5	1,795	2,844
14. Enhanced Case Management	15.7	2,018	4,036
15. Assisted Living Facility Rates	0.0	410	921
16. Personal Needs Allowance	0.0	31	50
17. Concurrent Services	1.0	8,428	13,607
18. Enhance Community Residential Rate	0.0	98,282	196,564
19. SEIU 775 Agency Providers Parity	0.0	953	2,167
20. SEIU 775 In Home Providers	0.0	8,764	19,920
21. Personal Protective Equipment	0.0	1,294	2,438
22. DCYF IT Transition	0.0	306	505
23. Motor Pool Rate Increase	0.0	86	155
24. SEIU and Liang Settlements	0.0	19,648	44,654
25. Self-Directed Services Waiver	0.4	75	150
26. Youth Inpatient Navigators	0.5	82	164
27. Targeted Provider Rates	0.0	72,045	151,399
28. Transitional Services	0.0	2,850	2,850
Policy -- Other Total	55.4	181,039	445,300

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	FTEs	NGF-O	Total
Policy UAR Changes:			
29. COVID/FMAP UARs	0.0	0	24,973
30. COVID/Other UARs	0.0	0	26,374
Policy -- UAR Total	0.0	0	51,347
Total Policy Changes	55.4	181,039	496,647
2021-23 Policy Level	4,665.5	2,082,168	4,791,259

Comments:

1. Community Supports for Children

Funding is provided to add two contracted three-bed Intensive Habilitation Services (IHS) facilities, and to establish three contracted six-bed Expanded Out-of-Home Services (E-OHS) facilities, for children and youth with developmental disabilities and significant behavioral issues. Children will be placed beginning in September 2022. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

2. In-Home Provider PPE

One-time funding is provided to purchase, store, and distribute personal protective equipment (PPE) to in-home providers effective April 1, 2022. This funding level assumes that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding expires after March 2022. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

3. Community Residential Services

Funding is provided to monitor services delivered to Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) clients served in contracted residential programs. Effective July 1, 2022, 4.0 FTEs are funded to verify that Medicaid clients are receiving the habilitative supports that the Department has authorized under federal Medicaid waiver authorities. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

4. Agency Provider Tax Rate Adjustment

Funds are provided to increase agency provider (AP) rates so that home care agencies are adequately funded to cover the cost of their anticipated tax liability. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

5. Transitional Care Management

Funding is provided to phase in a new approach to coordinate transitions of care for an annual average of 2,100 DDA clients who move from one type of care setting to a new one in a given year. This includes complex transition coordination teams, mobile diversion and rapid response teams, and provider development and support. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

6. Adult Family Homes CBA

Funding is provided for implementation of an agreement reached between the Governor and the Adult Family Home (AFH) Council for FY 2023. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

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7. Benefits Planning

One-time funding is provided in FY 2023 for a contract with an organization that trains attorneys and other professionals to help them assist people with developmental disabilities access benefits and retain eligibility for benefits while working. (General Fund-State)

8. CDE Transition Costs

In April 2022, the Consumer Directed Employer (CDE) will become the new employer for Individual Providers (IPs) statewide who provide in-home care to Medicaid clients. Funding is provided to cover the cost of health insurance premiums that will be incurred by the CDE during periods when IPs are on leave under the Paid Family & Medical Leave Act. An equivalent amount of funding is also provided to AP due to the AP parity statute. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

9. Children/Behavioral Health

Funding is provided to implement Second Substitute House Bill 1890 (Children/behavioral health), which directs the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group to convene an advisory group to develop a strategic plan regarding behavioral health services for families. (General Fund-State)

10. COVID FMAP Increase

The federal Families First Coronavirus Relief Act authorized an additional 6.2 percent in federal matching funds (FMAP) for the duration of the public health emergency. As a result, federal authority is increased and General Fund-State is decreased to reflect the enhanced FMAP through the end of June 2022. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

11. Youth Crisis Stabilization

In collaboration with the Health Care Authority (HCA), a new, short-term Residential Crisis Stabilization Program (RCSP) will be developed for youth with severe behavioral health diagnoses. Funding is provided for a DDA program manager beginning in FY 2023 to begin planning for services at the RCSP. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

12. Financial Eligibility Staff

The DDA Long-Term Care Specialty Unit processes Medicaid applications for DDA waiver clients and for other specialized Medicaid caseloads. Funding is provided for 22.3 FTE staff, effective July 1, 2022, to complete financial eligibility determinations for Medicaid services within the 45-day timeline required in rule, reduce the backlog of clients waiting for eligibility determination, and reduce wait times at the statewide call center. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

13. HCBS Provider Development

Home and community-based services (HCBS) providers help connect DDA clients to supportive community resources, to offer short-term respite, and to provide support to caregivers. Funding is provided to increase rates for Enhanced Respite Services for children and Overnight Planned Respite for adults effective April 1, 2022, and for other respite and HCBS providers effective July 1, 2022. Additionally, funding is provided for an assistive technology program manager effective July 1, 2022 to help connect DDA clients with appropriate technological resources. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

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14. Enhanced Case Management

Funding is provided to expand access to the Enhanced Case Management Program (ECMP) from 700 to 1,500 clients in FY 2023. A total of 50.0 FTEs are phased in and are assumed to be fully in place by the fourth quarter of FY 2023, including case managers, nursing consultants, and supporting staff. Funding is also provided to create an automatic nursing referrals system for ECMP clients in the Comprehensive Assessment Reporting and Evaluation (CARE) system. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

15. Assisted Living Facility Rates

Funding is provided to increase funding of the Assisted Living Facility (ALF) rate model from 60 percent to 74 percent of full model funding effective July 1, 2022. Adult Residential Care is a type of ALF that serves a caseload of DDA clients. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

16. Personal Needs Allowance

Funding is provided for a cost-of-living (COLA) adjustment in the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) for Medicaid clients in residential and institutional settings, effective July 1, 2022, to reflect the 5.9 percent COLA announced by the federal Social Security Administration for calendar year 2022. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

17. Concurrent Services

Funding is provided to implement Substitute House Bill 1980 (Concurrent services), which removes the prohibition on eligible DDA clients access employment services and community inclusion services concurrently. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

18. Enhance Community Residential Rate

Funding is provided to increase rates for contracted Supported Living and other community residential service providers effective July 1, 2022, with the intent of providing for an hourly wage of at least \$20 for employees of community residential services contractors providing direct care to DDA clients. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

19. SEIU 775 Agency Providers Parity

Funding is provided for rate parity between home care agencies and Individual Providers (IP), consistent with the Governor's agreement with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 775 in FY 2023. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

20. SEIU 775 In Home Providers

Funding is provided for the implementation of an agreement reached between the Governor and SEIU 775 for FY 2023. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

21. Personal Protective Equipment

Funding is provided to purchase, store, and distribute personal protective equipment (PPE) to Department employees effective April 1, 2022. This funding level assumes that FEMA funding expires after March 2022. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

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22. DCYF IT Transition

Funds to maintain current Information Technology (IT) service levels as the Department of Children, Youth, and Families moves to an internally managed network from a network managed by the Department of Social and Health Services. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

23. Motor Pool Rate Increase

Funding is provided for a recent rate increase implemented by the Department of Enterprise Services for the state motor pool. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

24. SEIU and Liang Settlements

Funds are provided to settle the cases of Liang, et al, v. Washington DSHS, et al, and SEIU 775 v. Washington DSHS, et al.. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

25. Self-Directed Services Waiver

Funding is provided in the 2021-23 biennium for staff workload to develop and submit a waiver application to the federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare services for a new self-directed services pilot program for a total of 100 DDA clients in two counties. Costs of 1.0 FTE Program Manager and service costs are assumed in the Outlook period. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

26. Youth Inpatient Navigators

Funding is provided for 1.0 FTE Program Manager in FY 2023 to participate in Youth Inpatient Navigator team meetings led by HCA and phased-in beginning in FY 2023. An additional 3.0 FTEs are funded in FY 2024 and an additional 4.0 FTEs in FY 2025 to align with the phasing-in of Youth Inpatient Navigator teams at HCA. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

27. Targeted Provider Rates

Funding is provided to continue the COVID-19 rate enhancements to contracted providers that expired on December 31, 2021. The rate enhancements are reduced by 20 percent every six months in FY 2023 and FY 2024, and would be fully phased-down by FY 2025. This includes appropriations related to unanticipated receipt number 0024. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid)

28. Transitional Services

Funding is provided to expand employment services and transition supports for DDA clients in eastern and central Washington counties with low-employment outcomes, and for regional networks of local communities to build capacity, complete data collection, and provide recommendations on how to expand employment and transitions navigator supports to students with disabilities. (General Fund-State)

29. COVID/FMAP UARs

Federal appropriation authority is provided through the unanticipated receipts (UAR) process for the 6.2 percent increase in the FMAP for the January-March 2022 period. (General Fund-Oth COVID)

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30. COVID/Other UARs

Federal appropriation authority is provided through the UAR process for the federal share of temporary COVID-19 rate add-ons for contracted ALISA providers over the January-March 2022 period. (General Fund-Oth COVID)













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Comparisons for Programs/Services for People with Developmental Disabilities
















Agency	Budget Item	Governor	Senate	House	Final
1	DDA Transform services for DDA-Forecast need for community and residential services, respite beds and crisis stabilization services, study Medicaid rates and develop metrics for community residential, add DDA to caseload forecasting in 2023-25 biennium	\$160,000 GFS 🤗	🙄	🙄	
2	DDA Modify DD services: SB 5268 for 90 day residential hold and courtesy forecasts for SOLAs, IFS, Basic+				
3	DDA DDA Waiver & SOLA Forecasting-Determine appropriate methods to forecast IDD services to estimate the number needing IFS waiver, basic plus waiver and SOLA placements	\$205,000 GFS 🤗 \$205,000 GFF	\$1.0 M GFS 🤗 \$722,000 GFF	\$188,000 GFS 🤗 \$0 GFF	
4	DDA Develop a plan to reduce the footprint of Rainier RHC campus and other property facilities taking into consideration the Ruckelshaus report and the master plan.		In available resources 🙄	🙄	
5	DDA Continue COVID rate enhancement for personal care providers and client services	\$180.9 M GFS 🤗 \$318.5 M GFF			
6	DDA Continue rate enhancements for contracted providers through June 2022, adjust to reflect budget increases, then phase out by June 2024 in 6 month increments		\$37.3 M GFS 🤗 \$37.8 M GFF		
7	DDA Continue rate enhancements for contracted providers through June 2022, adjust to reflect budget increases, then phase out by June 2024 in 6 month increments			\$43.5 M GFS 🤗 \$75.0 M GFF	
8	DDA Emergency FMAP-Additional 6.2 % in FMAP funds for Medicaid January through June 2022	(\$50.5 M GFS) 🤗 \$50.5 M GFF	(\$50.5 M GFS) 🤗 \$50.5 M GFF	(\$50.5 M GFS) 🤗 \$50.5 M GFF	
9	DDA SB 5819: Fund 2 case managers to review/maintain no paid services caseload		\$2.6 M GFS 🤗 \$2.1 M GFF		
10	DDA SB 5620: Funding & staffing for required oversight of Medicaid program activities		\$91,000 GFS 🤗 \$71,000 GFF		
11	DDA Fund incentives to long-term settings who take patients from acute care hospitals through June 2022		\$0 GFS 🤗 \$66,000 GFF		
12	DDA Community Supports for Children-Add six 3-bed homes in intensive habilitation services & six 3-bed homes in enhanced out-of-home services for youth 8 to 21 (Sen 12 to 21)	\$5.5 M GFS 🤗 \$3.4 M GFF	\$1.3 M GFS 🤗 \$962,000 GFF	\$5.5 M GFS 🤗 \$3.4 M GFF	
13	DDA HB 1890: Children & Youth Behavioral Health Work Group to convene advisory group to develop strategic plan			\$54,000 GFS 🤗 \$0 GFF	
15	DDA Adult Family Homes agreement	\$10.3 M GFS 🤗 \$9.5 M GFF	\$10.3 M GFS 🤗 \$9.5 M GFF	\$10.3 M GFS 🤗 \$9.5 M GFF	
16	DDA Community residential base rates increased by the level of temporary rate add-ons		\$40.2 M GFS 🤗 \$40.2 M GFF		
17	DDA Increase supported living and community residential rates to at least \$20 an hour providing direct care to DDA clients			\$40.2 M GFS 🤗 \$40.2 M GFF	
18	DDA Employment/Community Inclusion temporary contract rates made permanent, study rate structure and report		\$4.2 M GFS 🤗 \$4.1 M GFF		
19	DDA HB 1980: Allow both employment and community inclusion services concurrently			\$8.4 M GFS 🤗 \$5.2 M GFF	
20	DDA Expand employment services and transition supports for DDA clients in eastern and central WA counties with low employment outcomes, build capacity, collect data			\$2.9 M GFS 🤗 \$0 M GFF	
21	DDA Increase rates for community engagement (\$402 total), supported parenting (\$21,000 total) and respite (Community \$413,000, Adult \$172,000, Children \$1.7M totals). Fund assistive tech manager to help clients maintain independence, report on use and outcomes	\$1.8 M GFS 🤗 \$1.1 M GFF	\$1.8 M GFS 🤗 \$1.1 M GFF	\$1.8 M GFS 🤗 \$1.1 M GFF	
22	DDA Transitional Care Management-Hire 35 FTEs to coordinate transitions for 2,100 clients moving from one care setting to a new one, annual reports	\$4.8 M GFS 🤗 \$3.7 M GFF		\$4.8 M GFS 🤗 \$3.7 M GFF	

23	DDA	Transitional Care Management-Hire 19.2 FTEs to coordinate transitions for clients moving from one care setting to a new one, report on outcomes, lessons learned		\$2.2 M GFS \$1.7 M GFF			
24	DDA	Expand Enhanced Case Management from 700 to 1,500 clients, reduce caseload ratios to 1 per 30 clients	\$3.7 M GFS \$2.7 M GFF				
25	DDA	Expand Enhanced Case Management from 700 to 1,500 clients & automatic nursing referrals as necessary		\$2.5 M GFS \$1.8 M GFF		\$2.0 M GFS \$2.0 M GFF	
26	DDA	Increase Personal Needs Allowance for Medicaid clients in residential and institutional settings	\$99,000 GFS \$62,000 GFF		\$31,000 GFS \$19,000 GFF	\$31,000 GFS \$19,000 GFF	
27	DDA	Grant in COM to create two 16 bed facilities through HCA for short-term Residential Crisis Stabilization Program (RCSP) for youth with severe behavioral health diagnosis	\$84,000 GFS \$84,000 GFF		\$81,000 GFS \$59,000 GFF	\$81,000 GFS \$59,000 GFF	
28	DDA	Submit waiver application for a new self-directed services pilot program for 100 DDA clients in two counties				\$75,000 GFS \$75,000 GFF	
29	DDA	DDC funding to reduce barriers/increase access for immigrants, people of color, others with IDD underserved, submit racial equity plan; build capacity of Northstar coalition		\$500,000 GFS \$0 GFF			
30	DDA	Youth inpatient navigators through Seattle Childrens Hospital and HCA to identify temporary alternative services for kids needing continued intensive care	\$82,000 GFS \$82,000 GFF			\$82,000 GFS \$82,000 GFF	
31	DDA	Benefits planning - contract with org (Wise) that trains attorneys & professionals to assist people with IDD to access/retain benefits (one time)				\$100,000 GFS \$0 GFF	
32	HCA	Increase dental procedure rates for children	\$7.4 M GFS \$8.2 M GFF		\$14.5 M GFS \$15.1 M GFF		
33	HCA	Increase number and frequency of well child visits in Apple Health to detect early concerns	\$220,000 GFS \$132,000 GFF				
34	HCA	Increase provider training on current diagnostic classification of mental health & DD for infants and kids age 0-5		\$0 GFS \$450,000 GFF			
35	CFC	Transform services for DDA-Forecast number of those who requested supported living services and the number expected to reside in SOLAs	\$188,000 GFS		\$48,000 GFS \$0 GFF		
36	COM	Support people with IDD with grants to orgs that help children & adults with IDD build motor skills, support development, improve health and develop leadership free of charge	\$5 M GFF				
38	COM	DDC to partner with racially diverse communities to build capacity of a coalition of IDD self-advocates and advocates		\$631,000 GFS \$0 GFF		\$631,000 GFS \$0 GFF	
39	COM	Predevelopment funds for a Kent-based non-profit that serves culturally & linguistically diverse families with IDD for new affordable housing and a multicultural community center		\$500,000 GFS \$0 GFF			
40	JLARC	Report on staffing methodology to determine/assess client eligibility, review best practices of other states		\$50,000 GFS \$0 GFF			
41	OSPI	Work group to identify trauma informed strategies, approaches & curricula for students with challenging behaviors, rep from youth with IDD		\$200,000 GFS \$0 GFF		\$150,000 GFS \$0 GFF	
42	MIL	Fund two staff for emergency management & human services support for people with access and functional needs in disaster response		\$0 GFS \$438,000 GFF			
43	DVR	SB 5790: Expand School to Work to connect students with supported employment services, establish statewide council for referral/info		\$5.1 M GFS \$235,000 GFF			
44	DSHS	Medicaid utilization study describing service experiences and characteristics of people receiving Medicaid services related to IDD (one time funding)		\$75,000 GFS \$0 GFF			
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			DDA-Developmental Disabilities Administration, CFC-Caseload Forecast Council, COM-Dept of Commerce, OSPI-Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, MIL-Military, DVR-Vocational Rehab, (G) Governor, (S) Senate, (H) House				

2022 Bills of Interest for People with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD)






Bill	Title	Brief Description	Sponsor	Committee	Status	Notes	Position
Budget and Taxes							
SB 5693	Operating budget 2021-2023	2021-2023 fiscal supplemental operating appropriations	Sen Rolfes	S Ways & Means	PH 2/21 4:00	Exec 2/23 3:30	
HB 1816	Operating budget 2021-2023	2021-2023 fiscal supplemental operating appropriations	Rep Ormsby	H Appropriations	PH 2/21 3:30	Exec 2/23 4:00	
SB 5651	Capital budget 2021-2023	Capital budget - Housing Trust Fund	Sen Froct	S Ways & Means	Exec 2/21 4:00		
HB 1781	Capital budget 2021-2023	Capital budget - Housing Trust Fund	Rep Tharinger	H Capital Budget	PH 2/22 1:30	Exec 2/24 8:00	
HB 1789	Adult family home exemption	Property tax exemption for AFHs serving people with IDD owned by a nonprofit	Rep Ramos	S Ways & Means	PH 2/22 4:00		
Medical/Medicaid							
HB 1286	Psychology compact	Increase access to psychologists by recognizing other state licenses, can use telecommunication	Rep Chambers	S Rules			
HB 1646	Dementia action collaborative	Reconvene the collaborative, includes DDA, look at the 2016 plan implementation and more	Rep Bateman	S Health & Long Term Care	Exec'd 2/18		
HB 2008	Eliminate IQ scores (North Star Priority)	Eliminate use of IQ scores for eligibility in DDA for individuals with IDD, look for alternatives	Rep Taylor	S Human Services, Reentry and Rehab	Exec 2/22 1:30		
SB 5518	Occupational therapy compact	Increase access to occupational therapy by recognizing other state licenses	Sen Muzzall	H Health Care & Wellness	Exec 2/21 1:30	Exec 2/23 8:00	
SB 5529	Self-directed care (DSHS request)	Removes requirement for personal aides (IP) doing self-directed care to be contracted by DSHS	Sen Cleveland	H Health Care & Wellness	Exec 2/23 8:00		
SB 5745	Personal Needs Allowance	Allow PNA of people on Waivers living at home be no less than 300% of the fed benefit rate	Sen Liias	H Appropriations			
SB 5819	No Paid Services caseload (DSHS request)	Hire 2 full-time case managers for NPS, identify services wanted within the next year, report	Sen Braun	H Housing, Human Services & Vets	Exec 2/22 8:00		

SB 5848	Music therapy	Create advisory committee to develop regulations, license fees; issue licenses	Sen Cleveland	H Health Care & Wellness			
SB 5886	Rare Diseases	Create an advisory council for rare diseases	Sen Holy	H Health Care & Wellness	Exec 2/23 8:00		
SB 5912	Children on Medicaid	Align early periodic screening, diagnosis & treatment with Bright Futures guidelines of AAP	Sen Sefzik	H Health Care & Wellness			
Education							
HB 1153	Increasing language access in public schools	Establish and implement a language access technical assistance program	Rep Orwall	S Early Learning & K12 Education	Exec 2/21 1:30		
HB 1664	Prototypical school formula	Prototypical school formula for physical, social, and emotional support in schools	Rep Rule	S Ways & Means	PH 2/22 4:00		
HB 1834	Student excused absence	Mental health reasons be added as an excused absence for students	Rep Callan	S Early Learning & K12 Education	Exec 2/21 1:30		
SB 5376	Education Ombuds	Promoting awareness of the governor's office of the education ombuds.	Sen C. Wilson	H Education	Exec 2/22 8:00	Exec 2/24 10:00	
Employment & Day Services							
HB 1980	Dual services (North Star Priority)	Allow employment services and community access concurrently	Rep Taylor	S Ways & Means			
SB 5750	WA State Leadership Board (WSLB)	Makes WSLB a state trustee, will administer the Boundless WA program for people with disabilities	Sen C. Wilson	H State Gov't & Tribal Relations	Exec 2/21 1:30		
SB 5763	Repeal sub-minimum wage certificates	Repeal statue for L&I to issue certificates for sub-minimum wages to people with disabilities	Sen Randall	H Labor & Workplace Standards	Exec'd 2/18		
SB 5790	Community supports (North Star Priority)	Increase employment and Community Inclusion rates, establish school to work in all counties	Sen Braun	H Housing, Human Services & Vets	PH 2/22 8:00	Exec 2/24 10:00	
Civil Rights/Legal							
HB 1048	Criminal mistreatment	Remove specific religious references for criminal mistreatment of vulnerable adults	Rep Wicks	S Law & Justice	Exec 2/22 1:30		
HB 1723	Digital equity	Increase access and affordability to internet, help with skills for people with disabilities	Rep Gregerson	S Environment, Energy & Tech	PH 2/23 8:00	Exec 2/24 10:30	
HB 1773	Assisted outpatient treatment	Court can allow assisted outpatient treatment for people with mental health needs (includes DD)	Rep Taylor	S Behavioral Health Subcommittee	PH 2/16		

HB 1784	Vehicle license plates	Exemption: license plate may be blocked by wheelchair carrier or wheelchair lift	Rep Thai	S Transportation	PH 2/22 4:00		
HB 1800	Access to behavioral health for minors	Hire 1 FTE; create Parent Portal with parents, caregivers, youth, young adult stakeholders	Rep Eslick	S Behavioral Health Subcommittee	PH 2/16		
HB 1890	Behavioral health workgroup	Modify children/youth behavioral health wrkgrp, allow \$200/day for lived experience members	Rep Callan	S Behavioral Health Subcommittee	PH 2/16		
SB 5793	Stipends for state workgroups, etc.	Allow \$200/day for underrepresented/low income people on any state group	Sen C. Wilson	H State Gov't & Tribal Relations	Exec 2/21 1:30		
Residential Services							
HB 1724	Housing opportunities	Advisory committee to maximize creation of housing for people with disabilities statewide	Rep Macri	S Housing & Local Government	PH 2/22 8:00	Exec 2/23 10:30	
HB 1866	Supportive housing	Supportive housing for people in community support services & medical assistance programs	Rep Chopp	S Housing & Local Government	PH 2/21 1:00		
SB 5268	Transform services for people with DD	Transform services for people with DD in community residential, redesign ICFs	Sen Keiser	H Housing, Human Services & Vets	Exec 2/22 8:00		
Budget Provisos							
Bill	Title	Brief Description	Sponsor	Budget	Funding Requested	Position	
Budget Proviso	Supported Living	Continue COVID enhancements through 6/2022, increase rates by 18% for SL & comm. residential	Sen Keiser Rep Sullivan	Operating Budget			
Budget Proviso	Enhanced behavior supports	Create workgroup for residential home model for enhanced behavior supports for those w/IDD	Rep Leavitt	Operating Budget			
Budget Proviso	School to Work	One year pilot for school to work program statewide	Rep Dolan	Operating Budget			
Budget Proviso	Students in Distress	Eliminate restraints and seclusion for students with disabilities in schools	Rep Santos Sen Randall	Operating Budget	\$150,000		
Budget Proviso	Office of Education Ombuds	Add 2 full-time Ombuds, 1 part-time Ombuds, and improved outreach	Sen C. Wilson Rep Thai	Operating Budget	FY22: \$114,000 FY23: \$343,000		
Budget Proviso	Sexual health education	Sexual health education for people with IDD	Sen C. Wilson	Operating Budget			
Budget Proviso	North Star Priority: Civil Rights	Budget proviso to create a safety and supports workgroup	Rep Taylor	Operating Budget			
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Cut-off dates: ~~1st Policy cut-off Feb 3rd (except fiscal & Transportation committees); 1st fiscal committee cut-off Feb 7th; House of Origin Feb 15th; 2nd Policy cut-off Feb 24th; 2nd fiscal committee cut-off February 28th; Opposite House March 4th (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session).~~ Last day of the 2022 session is March 10th.

Support 	Oppose 	Under Review 	NTIB 	Bill Died 	PH=Public Hearing, Exec/(E)=Executive Action, NTIB=Necessary to Implement the Budget, S=Senate, H=House of Representatives, Bold is newly added this week.
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COVID 19 Response Update

Governor Inslee held a press conference on February 17 to discuss the latest COVID-19 trends and plans for transitioning to the next phase of Washington's COVID-19 response. The Governor intends to update Statewide emergency orders to include:

- Beginning March 21, face masks will no longer be required in most settings, including K-12 schools and childcare facilities.
- Masks will still be required in healthcare settings such as hospitals, outpatient, and dental offices, as well as long term care settings and correctional facilities.
- Beginning March 1, vaccine verification for large events will no longer be required.
- Businesses and local governments can still choose to implement vaccination or face mask requirements for workers or customers, and school districts can still choose to have students and teachers wear masks.
- Federal law still requires face masks in certain settings such as public transportation and school buses.

The Kitsap Public Health District released the following statement:

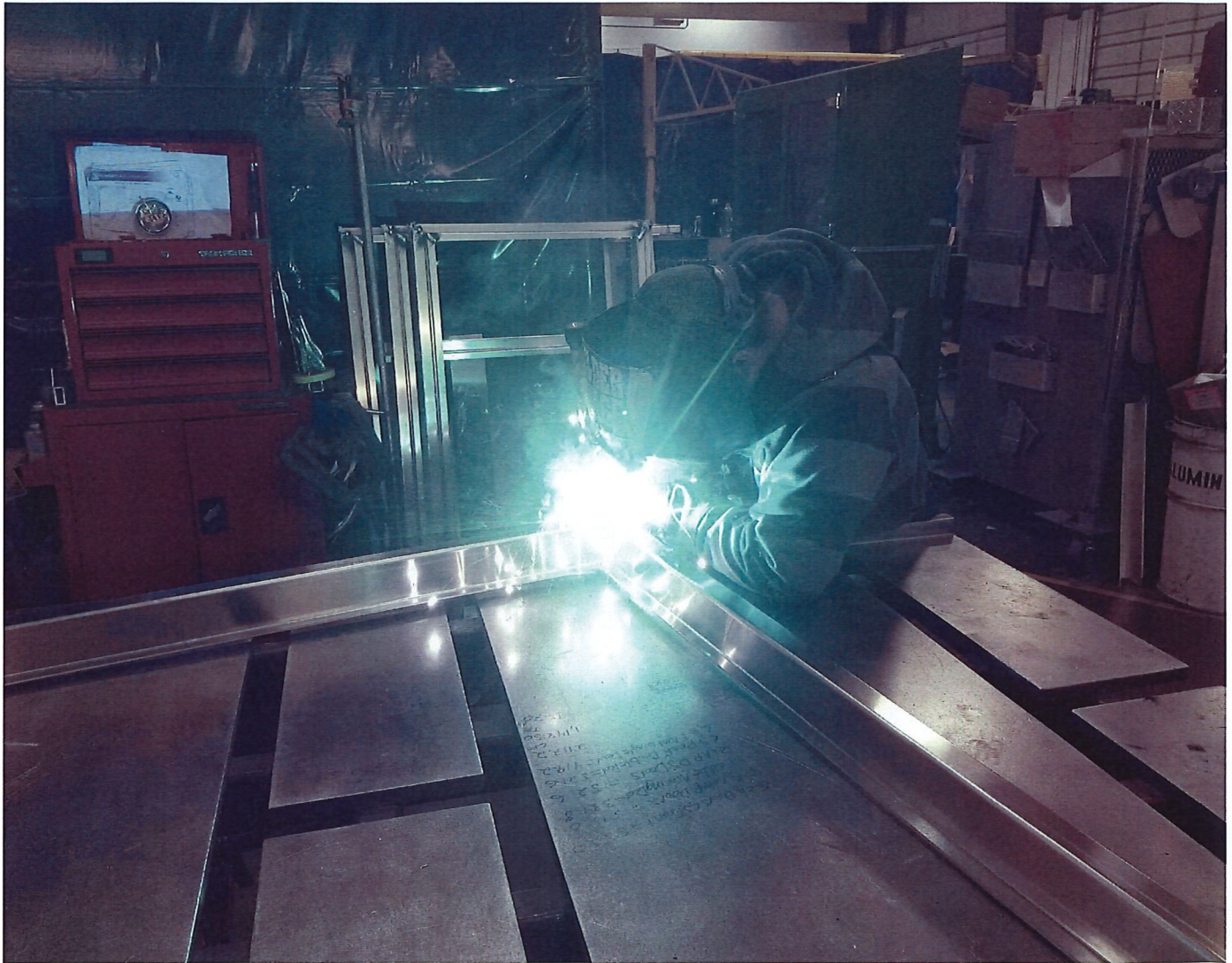
"While masks will no longer be required in many settings after March 21, Kitsap residents should feel empowered to keep wearing masks to protect their health and the health of people around them. Masks remain an essential tool for preventing the spread of respiratory illness."

-- Dr. Gib Morrow, Kitsap Public Health District Health Officer

The most recent number of cases by county and demographics may be found at [the Washington Department of Health's dashboard](#)

L&I guidance for any task specific requirements can be found at [Coronavirus/COVID-19 Workplace Safety & Health \(wa.gov\)](#).

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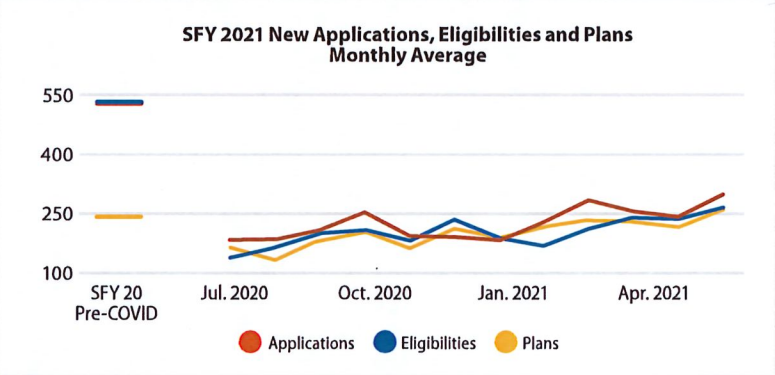
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In 2021, staff's resilience helped DVR persevere. Staff drove forward innovative ways to improve vital services for customers. DVR also revolutionized its work culture, professional development, and equity, diversity, access, and inclusion practices.

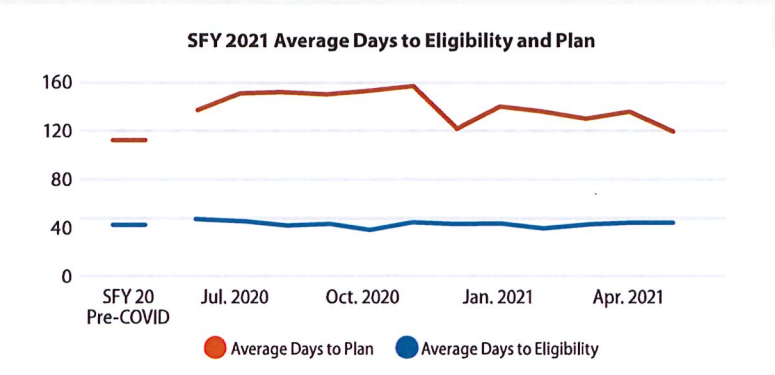
DVR's COVID-19 Response

Remote services for customers continued. A hybrid approach started in November. A large percentage of DVR customers will continue to receive virtual services. Our ability to serve customers in-person will expand when it is safe.



In State Fiscal Year 2021, new applications and eligibility for DVR services fell 40%, compared to previous levels, due largely to customers delaying their job search. New customer counts increased in the second half of the year, and new monthly customer plans hit pre-COVID levels the last quarter.

Timely completion of customer plans for employment averaged 30-40 days longer than pre-COVID in the first half of the year. Factors affecting plan development included transitioning to remote services, job market conditions, reduced vendor capacity, and customer hesitancy to engage in community-based activities. Average days to plan decreased and approached pre-COVID levels starting the end of the fiscal year. Average days for eligibility determination remained stable during SFY 2021 ending June 30.



Order of Selection (OOS)

DVR continues to release customers from the waitlist. At the end of State Fiscal Year 2021, there were 2,716 customers on the waitlist, a sizeable decrease from 5,703 in SFY 2020.

DVR reopened, and has kept open, Priority category 2, reducing customer count in that category to zero. Priority category 1 is always open. DVR regularly evaluates its capacity in order to serve the greatest number eligible. Federal law requires OOS when a VR agency cannot serve all eligible customers.

Intake and Eligibility

Standardization of some intake processes and forms occurred. Waves, the new case management system (CMS), expected summer 2022, will streamline processes, leading to predictable and consistent eligibility practices statewide.

Staff Training

In November 2021, DVR hired a new training manager to oversee the statewide training team and coordinate consistent delivery of agency-wide training. In 2022, the team will adopt cutting-edge development tools, adult-learning best practices, and deliver effective CMS training. Meanwhile, Vocational Rehabilitation Institute (VRI) will continue foundational field services courses, popular among field staff.

Business Management Modernization Project (BMMP)

In 2021, DVR began implementing Laserfiche, a new electronic document management system (EDMS) to help DVR go paperless. In 2022, the BMMP team anticipates the launch of Waves on July 1.

DVR's Equity, Diversity, Access, and Inclusion

In June 2021, DVR appointed its first EDAI Administrator. DVR mobilized the EDAI program and developed a Community of Practice made up of EDAI practitioners representing staff at all levels. The CoP has helped assimilate staff to the long-term goals behind EDAI.

Looking Ahead

In 2022, DVR's priorities will include reducing the number of customers on the waitlist; increasing customer engagement; enhancing staff training; improving transition services delivery; and finally, modernizing our CMS. Of course, this great work could not be possible without the support of our staff, stakeholders, employers, and partners.

thank you!

DVR PRIORITIZES COMMITMENTS TO EQUITY, DIVERSITY, ACCESS, AND INCLUSION IN STATE FISCAL YEAR 2021

DVR values and is committed to Equity, Diversity, Access, and Inclusion (EDAI) in all its forms. This includes commitment and dedication to Truth, Social Justice, and Dismantling Racism. DVR recognizes we are stronger when we are a diverse organization serving diverse customers, centering lived experience, and collaborating with customers and the community to produce results.

To elevate, address, and prioritize EDAI concerns, DVR established the first-ever EDAI Administrator role for DVR in June 2021. Prior to the establishment of this position, EDAI work was included as one of the many responsibilities under a program manager. The EDAI Administrator manages, promotes, and serves as the expert regarding all matters, issues, activities, and policy and program development related to EDAI.

Some examples of the work DVR has already completed related to EDAI include:

- Establishing the "Measures that Matter" EDAI data dashboard accessible to all DVR staff.
- Developing an EDAI Community of Practice made up of staff statewide to accomplish the DVR mission by promoting, supporting, and enhancing EDAI initiatives.
- Hosting listening sessions with all staff to collect information and operationalize feedback to improve EDAI, and anti-racist actions.
- Implementing monthly "More Than a Moment: EDAI Awareness Conversations," an activity that introduces specific EDAI topics monthly and provides staff the opportunity to discuss the topics, learn from each other, and apply the knowledge gained to their work.
- Creating online resource libraries featuring lists of books, films, and articles related to EDAI that staff can use to supplement their learning and development.
- Assigning staff as the Language Access Advisor and the ADA Advisor to ensure program access for all customers and staff.

In 2022 and beyond, DVR will continue to expand efforts related to EDAI and anti-racism across the division to ensure staff are empowered to do their best work and customers are receiving effective and meaningful services.

ASPIRING FABRICATOR SECURES CAREER JOB IN WELDING

At Ferndale-based Tri-Van, a custom builder of specialty commercial vehicles, this family-owned business of 85 staff employs Andrew, a 27-year-old welder/fabricator, whose passion for artistic expression with his hands is part of his family DNA.

Andrew secured employment at Tri-Van in August 2020. He gives thanks to his VR team at Bellingham DVR, comprised of Patrick Feuer, and Nick Harris.

"I'm so grateful and thankful for Nick's and Patrick's help," Andrew says. "They helped me to become a responsible adult."

Andrew experiences learning disabilities, including dyslexia and ADHD. Sitting still and focusing on a task, or on reading, has always been difficult for him.

In 2012, while attending Ferndale High School, Andrew opted in to the 21 Program. A couple teachers helped connect him to Goodwill where he was able to access an unpaid internship and learned beneficial soft skills. In 2014, Patrick and Nick helped Andrew update his cover letter. This helped Andrew get his first job.

Cascade Connections, a Community Rehabilitation Program, taught Andrew interpersonal communications skills. These skills helped him to keep a job for one year. Proving himself opened doors to completing a welding certificate in 2019 at Bellingham Technical College. DVR paid Andrew's way.

"When DVR put me through school, I had to tell myself that this was my job, that I have to be focused," Andrew says. "This was going to be my main priority."

Andrew attended school and worked full-time. "It was really challenging at times," he says. "But I did what I had to do to succeed at both."

Now, more than a year in to what he sees as a career job, Andrew is earning \$19 an hour. He wants to grow within Tri-Van and learn from his talented colleagues. He wants to be a parts fabricator. He also is saving to buy a house.



Andrew

*By Patrick Feuer,
Bellingham DVR*

DVR BY THE NUMBERS

(in State Fiscal Year 2021)

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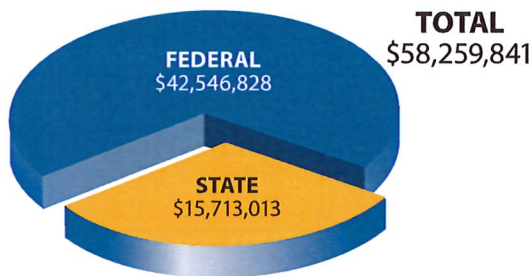
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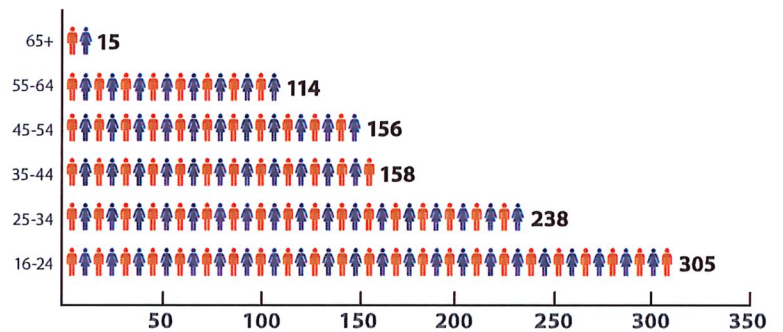
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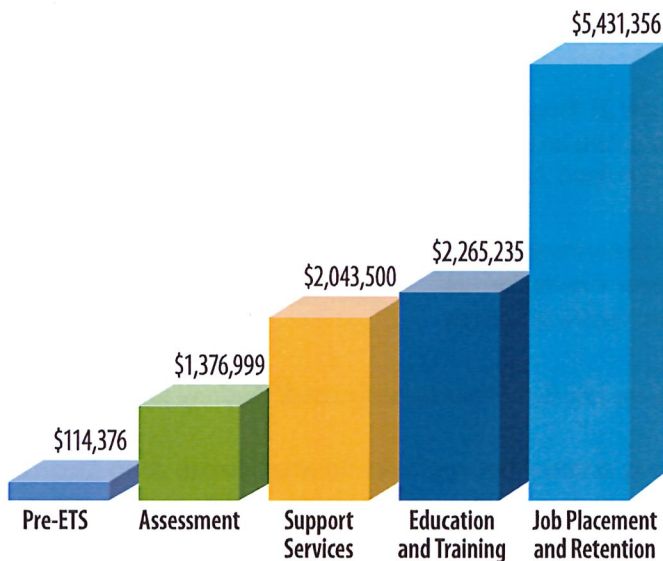
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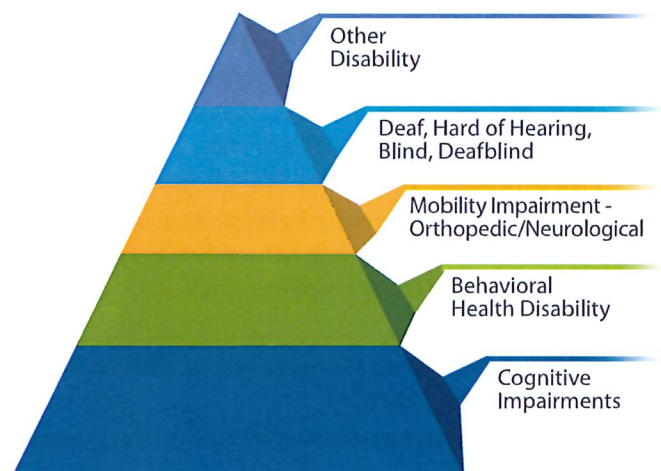
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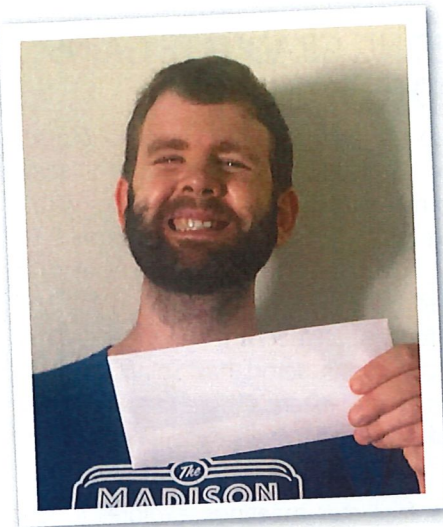


CASE SERVICE EXPENDITURES



DISABILITY TYPES





Flynn

By Jay Hopkins,
Silverdale DVR

RESTAURANT JOB LIFTS CUSTOMER'S SELF-ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE, AND INDEPENDENCE

For Flynn, working at his favorite local restaurant, The Madison Diner on Bainbridge Island, means more to him than just a job and a regular paycheck. It means independence and satisfaction knowing he is finally earning his own income.

When Flynn received his first paycheck, it took his mother Dinah and his job coach a few minutes to help him realize what the piece of paper represented. When Flynn finally understood that he held the fruits of his labor in his hands, he got very excited and to celebrate, he treated his mother to a meal to honor her birthday.

Flynn came to DVR for vocational rehabilitation services after he and his mother moved from California to Washington. Flynn had participated in a program there but during the time he lived in California, he was never able to land a job interview and secure employment.

Once in Washington, Flynn applied for DVR services and with the support of his VR team, got his first job working part-time as a lobby attendant at The Madison Diner. DVR connected Flynn to Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) services, public transportation assistance and training, and a variety of other benefits. Flynn receives long-term supports from DDA, and manages most of his own transportation arrangements.

Flynn's self-esteem and independence has improved significantly, so much so that he has gone on to find a second part-time job at Westside Pizza all on his own.

Meanwhile, his mother, using respite hours, plans to take her first vacation with friends without bringing Flynn along. Likewise, Flynn says he is delighted for his mother, because now he will not have to trudge along with her through the "boring museums and art exhibits."

HARD WORKING TEACHER'S AIDE IS DOING WHAT SHE LOVES

Alexandra started at DVR in 2017 through a referral from her teacher at Kamiakin High School.

Alexandra's sweet, quiet, nature and excellent work ethic was obvious from the start. She wanted to be a preschool teacher's aide. In 2017, she attended Kennewick School District's Tri-Tech Skills Center and its Early Childhood Education Program. She stayed in school through June 2018, while attending Tri-Tech in the morning and gained work experience in the afternoon at Tri-Tech's laboratory preschool. She eventually earned a certificate of completion in Early Childhood Education.

Upon learning about Alexandra's intellectual disability, Alexandra's VR team encouraged her to apply for Developmental Disability Administration services and Social Security Administration benefits. The team explained to Alexandra's mother why applying for DDA services and SSA benefits would be beneficial for Alexandra's long-term success. Alexandra's mother did not want her to apply for SSA benefits because of the perceived stigma. At the same time, she was concerned about Alexandra's ability to make decisions on her own.

Following benefits planning counseling provided to Alexandra and her mother, Alexandra applied for DDA services and SSA benefits. She was eligible for both.

In February 2020, Alexandra achieved her job goal as a teacher's aide, working at Level Up Preschool in Kennewick.

Alexandra continued receiving services from DVR, which included participation in a Community Based Assessment, Job Placement services, and Intensive Training services with Columbia Industries. After successfully completing these services, she transitioned into DDA long-term care and supports, and her DVR case successfully closed in February 2021.

Today, Alexandra is doing what she loves: working with children.



Alexandra

By Monica Valencia,
Kennewick DVR



MECHANICAL ENGINEERING GRADUATE GAINS EMPLOYMENT WITH BIOTECH COMPANY

Jerod is a humble individual whose story stems from personal successes, creativity, and a heartfelt passion to better the world. In 2015, Jerod graduated magna cum laude from Washington State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. With DVR's help, Jerod, in April 2021, attained a rewarding career in the field of engineering at Genentech, an award-winning San Francisco-based biotech firm (with offices in Portland, Oregon) specializing in the production of medicines to treat millions worldwide experiencing chronic medical conditions. Jerod has Spinal Muscular Atrophy, so Genentech's mission is important to him. He says he understands more than most how Genentech can positively affect and improve the quality of life of individuals experiencing Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

Jerod

By Averie Brookie,
Vancouver DVR

Jerod supports product management, author's documents, facilitates meetings, explores robotic solutions and creates 3D designs and models for Genentech. He teleworks 40 hours per week, aided by natural supports on the job. His colleagues consistently recognize Jerod for his attention to detail, leadership qualities, and communication skills.

Jerod's Genentech journey started with a workplace tour. During that visit, he remembers the staff's kindness and the immediate symmetry of his and Genentech's values for bettering the world. With WA DVR's and Oregon DVR's Business Teams' unified support, Genentech shared with Jerod how he could be an effective asset to the organization. DVR staff helped Jerod connect with Genentech and got his questions answered through virtual meetings, phone calls, and emails.

Jerod would enjoy the ability to work in-person more at the jobsite. Jerod, who uses a power wheelchair for mobility, is collaborating with his VR team to explore the possibility of acquiring an adaptive van to ensure a safe commute. He plans to continue his dream job at Genentech and contribute to the company's mission of helping people around the world live their best life.

If you want to go fast,
go alone. If you want
to go far, go together.

– African proverb

DSHS Mission – To transform lives

DVR's Mission – Transforming lives by assisting individuals with disabilities to fully participate in their communities through meaningful employment.

DVR's Vision – Dedicated professionals leading the field of vocational rehabilitation, delivering exceptional experiences to every customer, every time.

DVR's Values

- **Transparency** through clear, honest communication with customers, staff, and partners
- Acting with **Integrity**, upholding the ethics and values of our profession
- Promoting a culture of **Empowerment** for customers and staff
- Advancing rehabilitation practices through **Innovation**
- **Collaboration** with customers, staff, and partners that produces results
- Committed to **Equity, Diversity, Access, and Inclusion** in all its forms to achieve excellence



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Vadis Annual Report Link:

[Vadis 2021 Annual Achievement Report \(fliphtml5.com\)](http://fliphtml5.com)



Comcast NBCUniversal – Digital Literacy Program

Easterseals Washington was awarded a one-year grant from the Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation to build a digital literacy and employment-training program that will result in digital literacy (ability to safely communicate through various technology devices & platforms) skill building and a paid internship for participants in their communities.

Who Can Participate?

Any young adult in Kitsap County age 18-24 with a diagnosed disability who is able to learn in a small group environment and work fairly independently in a community-based job setting.

Services Offered:

Workshops in a computer lab classroom in East Bremerton on these topics:

1. Digital Literacy
2. Digital Safety (Digital footprint, online predators, cyber bullying)
3. Job readiness (Resume's, on the job behavior/customer service, interviews)
4. Financial literacy (online banking, fraud prevention)

A 50-hour paid internship in their community

1. We will work with the young adult to find a paid internship in an area of interest
2. We will supply limited onsite support, working with the manager and intern to ensure success
3. Intern will gain real world employment experience and build social skills for a work environment

Space is Limited – **Contact us to enroll or obtain more information:**

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