

January 10, 2025: Meeting Notes

Attendees: Abbey George – Achieve WA; Andy Song – Kids & Family Counseling; Angela Cox – Holly Ridge Center; Chelsea Deaconson – UW Autism Center; Cindy Myers – PAVE; Desiree Patty – Behavior Bridges; Emily Martinez – TPCHD; Gwendolyn Barnhart – Barnhart Psychological Services & Therapeutic Farm; Jamie Graham – Hope Sparks; Jennifer Ballsmith – UWT MSW Student; Keren Tangen – Mary Bridge; Laura O’Rourke – Behavior Bridges; Marcee Merriam – Kinderling; Peter Jung – PAVE, Self-Advocate; Melia Hughes – Kitsap County Parent Coalition; Sarah Jones – PAVE; Sarah Loucks – Behavior Bridges; Stella Johnson – Pierce County ESIT; Tasha Le – Self-Advocate & Parent

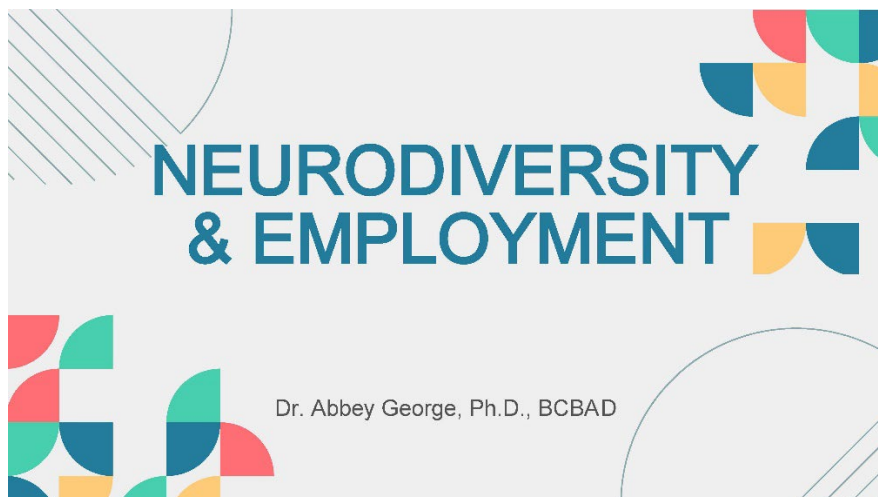
Meeting Goals: To strengthen and coordinate the existing resources through building authentic relationships in the South Puget Sound area that serve our community. To identify and further clarify the unmet needs of our community and help develop resources to meet those needs. To provide comprehensive information regarding needed support for our community throughout the lifespan.

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome/Introductions
- Guest Presenter Dr. Abbey George, Ph.D., BCBA-D
- Community Resource Sharing

Guest Speaker/Presentation Information:

Guest speaker Dr. Abbey George presented to the group on the topic of Neurodiversity & Employment.



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Community Resource Sharing:

All resources and events shared during our meetings can always be found on our [website!](#)

- [Behavior Bridges:](#)
- [Pierce County School to Work Program](#)
- [DO-IT: Advancing the success of people with disabilities in education, research, & careers](#)
- <https://www.devomd.com/>
- <https://www.hireautism.org/>
- [Job Accommodation Network](#)
- [Neurodiversity Hub](#)
- PAVE: <https://wapave.org/calendar/>