

## March 8, 2024: Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** Amy Prezbindowski – Multicare Behavioral Health; Chelsea Deaconson – UW Autism Center; Don Ham – JBLM-EFMP; Emily Martinez – TPCHD; Gabby Ward, Jamie Graham – Hope Sparks; Katie Wright – Kids & Family Counseling; K. Collins; Larry Davis; Laura O’Rourke – Behavior Bridges; Lisa Cook – AbilityOne; Melia Hughes – Kitsap County Parent Coalition; Minah – PAVE; Sarah Jones – PAVE; Sarah Loucks – Behavior Bridges

**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
- Lisa Cook – Global Connections to Employment
- Community Resource Sharing

### Guest Speaker/Presentation Information:

#### **Lisa Cook – Global Connections to Employment**

Global Connections to Employment (GCE) is a nationwide team providing job opportunities and vocational training for people with disabilities.

GCE empowers their team members by matching them with fulfilling careers in diverse fields such as information technology, facilities management, food services and other business sectors. GCE collaborates with a range of partners, including the U.S. military, commercial businesses, community organizations and various levels of government. As one of the largest employers under the AbilityOne® program, GCE plays a crucial role in helping people who have significant disabilities to engage in meaningful employment, thereby fostering inclusivity and economic independence. Through these efforts, GCE not only enhances individual lives but also enriches the broader community.

[Click here to see all guest presenter videos on our website!](#)

### Community Resource Sharing:

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

- [Behavior Bridges:](#)
- PAVE: <https://wapave.org/calendar/>
- [Pierce County Specialized Recreation](#) - Adventure Within Reach Quarterly Guide
- [May Bridge Center for Grieving Children](#)

**Save the Date!**

**Next SSAP Meeting: March 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 10:30AM**