

April 14, 2023: Meeting Notes



Attendees: Patti Matestic, Jonathan Topham, Judy Scott, and Samantha Moody, Developmental-Behavioral Family Readiness Center (DBFRC), JBLM, WA; Sarah Loucks – Behavior Bridges; Megumi Azekawa, Music Therapy Coordinator, Ted Brown Music Outreach; Amanda Thuston - CCS FBH; Donald Ham – EFMP/JBLM/Cares Center; Melia Hughes, Kitsap County Parent Coalition/Self Advocate; Alissa Eromae - South Sound Parent to Parent; Heidi Scheibner, Pierce County; Peter Ramaley – Representative Strickland's Office (WA-10); Peter Jung - Aspiring Youth/Arc of King County/Behavior Bridges consultant/Autism self-advocate; Jordan Tracy - Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Children with Special Health Care Needs; Chelsea Deaconson - UW Autism Center Tacoma; Adrienne Barker- Molina Healthcare; Melody DaCorsi-Grimit – CCS Family Behavioral Health; Kate Orville - WA Medical Home Partnerships Project for CYSHCN at UW; Cindy Myers, Tracy Kahlo, Sarah Jones, and Dee Bosworth – PAVE

Who We Are: The South Sound Autism Partnership is a community gathering of individuals, families, providers, and organizations who are part of the Autism community within the South Puget Sound area of Washington State. Our primary purpose is to increase awareness, acceptance, and advocacy of Autism to provide support for our community and impact change.

Our 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.

Guest Speaker/Presentation Information:

Ms. Megumi Azekawa, MM, MR-BC
Neurologic Music Therapist, Fellow
Music Therapy Coordinator, Ted Brown Music Outreach

Megumi shared information about music therapy, including how to access it, and recent successful legislative efforts in WA to establish state licensure for this important therapy! For more information on this presentation please click below to see the recording or to download the PDF version of the presentation slides.

[Click here to watch the guest speaker video on our website.](#)

Community Resource Sharing

- [PAVE](#): Please click on link for more information.
- [Behavior Bridges](#): Please click on the link for information about our social groups, PEERS groups, and SafetyCare
- [Ted Brown Music Outreach Programs](#)
- Listen Learn Music: <https://listenlearnmusic.com/>
- Music for Kiddos: <https://www.musicforkiddos.com/>
- Music Therapy WA: <https://www.musictherapywa.org/>
- Certified Board for Music Therapists: <https://www.cbmt.org/>
- Peter Jung & Behavior Bridges – D&D Group Waitlist Open! Flyer is on the [SSAP Resource Page](#)
- Don Ham, EFMP Joint Base Lewis-McChord – Team McChord EFMP Family Fair 5/24/23 flyer also on SSAP site!

Next SSAP Meeting: May 12th from 9:30 – 11 am – SAVE THE DATE!

Presenters will be from Tricare and they will be sharing information about ECHO and the Autism Demonstration Project which are programs that help our military families access ABA and other autism related supports.