

May 12, 2023: Meeting Notes



Attendees: Adrienne Barker – Molina Healthcare; Aline St. Amour, Deidra Meyers, and Rachel David – Tricare; Andy Song – KAFC; Ashley Mangum – Kids Mental Health Pierce County; Cindy Meyers, Dee Bosworth, Sarah Jones, and Tracy Kahlo – PAVE; Donald Ham – EFMP/JBLM/Cares Center; Jamie Graham – Hope Sparks; Jonathan Topham, Judy Scott, and Patti Matestic – Developmental-Behavioral Family Readiness Ctr, JBLM; JoJo Leon Guerrero – EFMP Family Support; Laura O’Rourke and Sarah Loucks – Behavior Bridges; Melia Hughes – Kitsap Parent Coalition/Self Advocate; Peter Jung – Aspiring Youth/Arc of King County/Behavior Bridges/Self Advocate; Peter Ramaley – Representative Stricklands Office (WA-10); Stella Johnson – Pierce County ESIT; Susan Jackson – Parent/Advocate

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 Speakers/Presentation Information:

Aline St. Amour, Deidra Meyers, & Rachel Davis – Tricare West Region

This month we were joined by guests from Tricare, who shared information about Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) and the Autism Demonstration Project, which are programs that help our military families access ABA and other autism related supports. At the guest speaker’s request their presentation was not recorded. Speakers shared the following websites for additional information about the ECHO and ACD programs and benefits:

- Beneficiary Website for ACD: <https://www.tricare-west.com/content/hnfs/home/tw/bene/autism-care-demonstration.html>
- Provider Website for ACD: <https://www.tricare-west.com/content/hnfs/home/tw/prov/autism-care-demonstration.html>
- ACD Specific Provider Directory: <https://www.tricare-west.com/content/hnfs/home/tw/bene/provider-directory/acd-directory.html>
- HNFS Network Provider Directory: <https://www.tricare-west.com/content/hnfs/home/tw/bene/provider-directory.html>
- HNFS Local Level Resources (Outside of TRICARE benefit): <https://www.tricare-west.com/content/hnfs/home/tw/bene/autism-care-demonstration/resources---education.html>
- HNFS ACD Parent Toolkit: <https://www.tricare-west.com/content/hnfs/home/tw/bene/autism-care-demonstration/parent-toolkit.html>
- HNFS Dedicated Line Contact Information: <https://www.tricare-west.com/content/hnfs/home/tw/bene/autism-care-demonstration/contact-us-.html>
- ACD Policy Questions Only (Future of ACD or Changes): Dha.acd@health.mil

Community Resource Sharing

- Behavior Bridges: <https://behaviorbridges.com/our-services/> - New Dungeons and Dragons groups & Summer Fest July 5th – August 30th
- PAVE: <https://wapave.org/calendar/>
- STOMP: <https://wapave.org/specialized-training-of-military-parents-stomp/specialized-training-of-military-parents-stomp-installation-near-you/>
- [Ted Brown Music Outreach Programs](#)
- Don Ham, EFMP Joint Base Lewis-McChord – Team McChord EFMP Family Fair 5/24/23 flyer also on SSAP site!
- Arc of King County Resource Guide: <https://arcokingcounty.org/resource-guide/overview.html>
- Adult Autism Parents Network: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1107410173264015>
- Kitsap Parents Coalition: <https://kitsapcountyparentcoalition.org/event/parenting-across-the-lifespan/>
- <https://www.kidsandfamilycounseling.com>

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

Our June meeting will be an open forum to discuss future directions for the SSAP as well as everyone's summer activities. Please come and share your experiences with the group! We are a stronger community and group when we have all voices (parents, advocates, professionals) represented! 😊