



Where we ALL belong!

## August 2025 Newsletter

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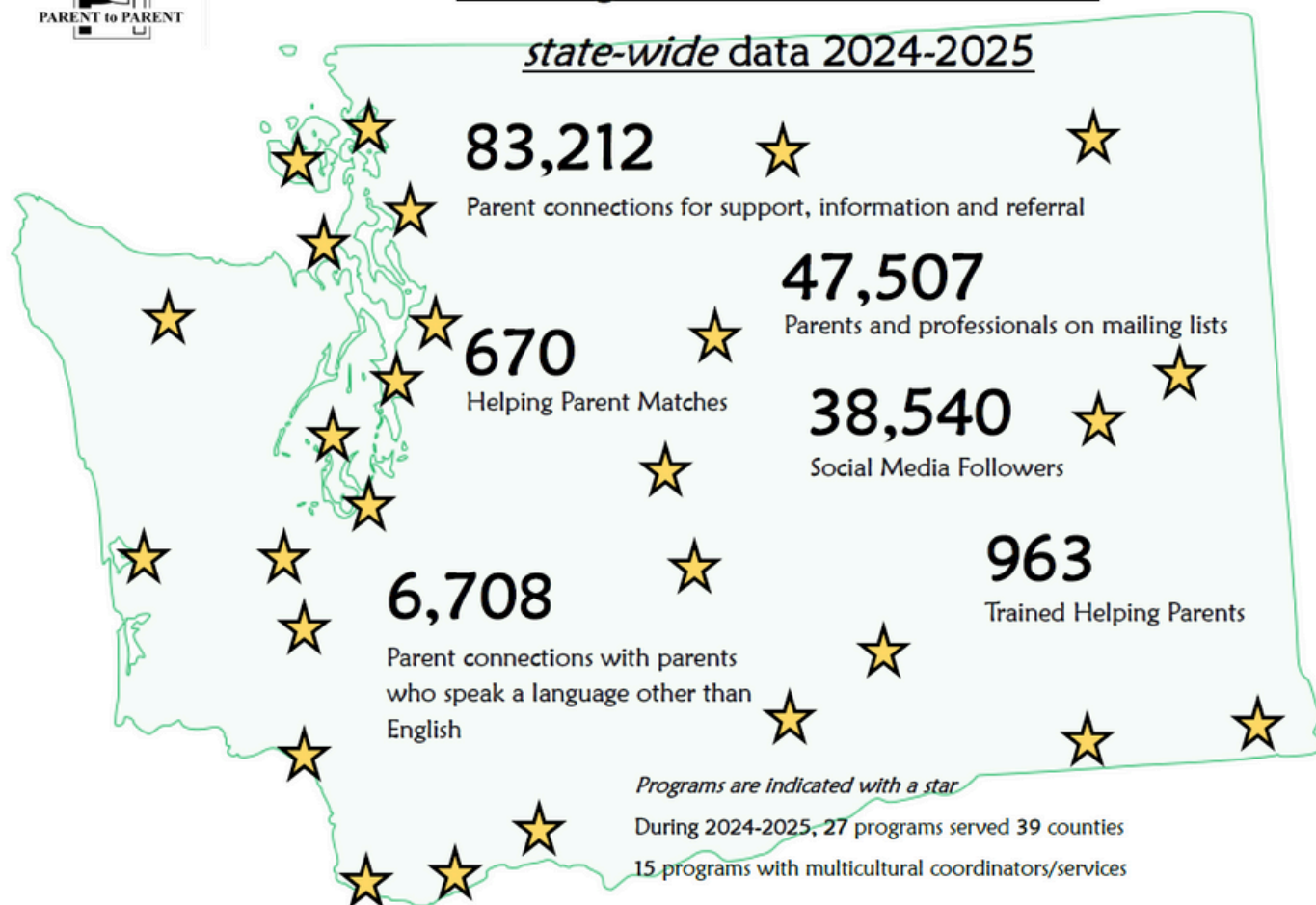
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A huge thank you to **James Goers, Twin Star Federal Credit Union, & Brennan Heating and Air Conditioning** for their generous donations and support!

## Washington State Parent to Parent

### state-wide data 2024-2025



South Sound Parent to Parent is incredibly proud of our Helping Parent Program Team and the impact they're making! Their ongoing support for families raising children with disabilities, developmental delays, or chronic illnesses is vital to the health and strength of our communities.

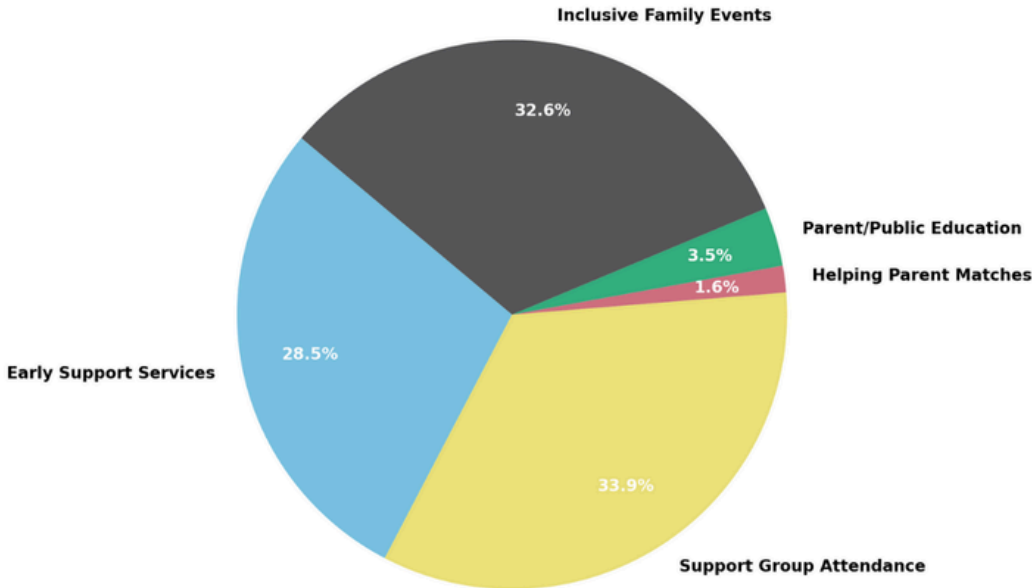

The data shown in the image above reflects the collective impact of Helping Parent Programs across the entire state—proof of the powerful work happening in communities.

At SSP2P, we proudly serve families in Mason, Kitsap, and Thurston Counties with our dedicated Helping Parent team:

- Sylvia Davenport, Program Director and Thurston County Support
- Angie Godinez, Mason County Helping Parent Coordinator
- Kimberly Adams, Kitsap County Helping Parent Coordinator
- DeAnn Bogar, Helping Parent Program Assistant

The data shown below in the SSP2P Impact at a Glance report, represents the work our SSP2P HP Team has done in the communities we serve in Mason, Kitsap, and Thurston Counties.



**Early Support Services**  
**995** Families Served  
Through our Birth - 3 Program



**Support Groups**  
**1,187** Attendees  
In Mom to Mom, Dad to Dad & Sibshops




**Helping Parent Program**  
**55** One on One Parent Matches  
Walking the journey together




**Parent & Public Education**  
**121** Community Members  
888 Trained in How to Give & Receive Support



**Inclusive Family Events**  
**1,139** Participants  
Harvest Festival, Movie Night, Skateland, & MORE!



Thanks to the support and generosity of our community, South Sound Parent to Parent is able to continue providing essential services to families. With your help, we can keep making a difference—Please consider donating today:  
[www.ssp2p.org](http://www.ssp2p.org)





# #Show Us Your PRIDE!



## Let's Celebrate!

We kicked off July with a Disability Pride Dance—and it was a hit! From sno-cones to non-stop dancing, everyone had a great time. People First of Thurston County brought delicious treats for a bake sale and accepted donations to support their mission. Our very own board member E'Renae was out on the dance floor, grooving alongside Executive Director Kim Smith and Transition Coordinator, Jim Smith

A big shoutout to our Helping Parent Program Team for putting on such a fun and inclusive event!



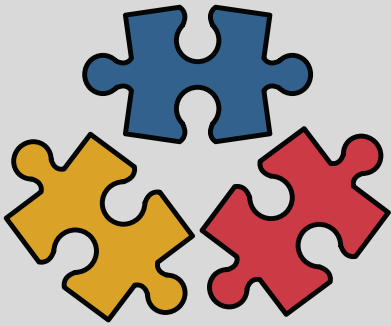


# Team work makes the dream work!

Our Admin Team enjoyed a fun and challenging team-building experience at Exit Puzzles Escape Room in downtown Olympia. We all made it out in one piece—and had a great time working together!

And our Helping Parent Team spent a day team building with beautiful crafts and fun games!

From left to right: Office Manager, Isaiah Simpson; Executive Director, Kim Smith; Human Resources Coordinator, Amy Lepien; Accountant, Sara Finch; Outreach Coordinator, Shawn Thurman; Early Support Funding Coordinator / Executive Assistant, Tosha Parker; Early Learning Program Coordinator, Danielle Gardner



From left to right: Mason Helping Parent Coordinator, Angie Godinez; Helping Parent Program Assistant, DeAnn Bogar; Kitsap Helping Parent Coordinator, Kimberly Adams; Helping Parent Director, Sylvia Davenport; Peer Support Program Coordinator, Sol Gonzalez; Executive Director, Kim Smith.





# KITSAP FAMILY PICNIC



GOOD  
TIMES



## Picnic In the Park

Our Kitsap County Helping Parent Program spent a fun afternoon at the park celebrating families—with snacks, games, and lots of meaningful connections!



# SSP2P SUPPORT GROUPS

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Support groups allow you to surround yourself with people who 'GET IT'



## **Mom to Mom** <https://www.ssp2p.org/mom-to-mom>

This is a laid-back and private space for moms raising kids with disabilities, developmental delays or chronic illnesses. Feel free to be yourself, share your stories, and know you'll always find understanding and zero judgement here. **We're in this together!**



## **Dad to Dad** <https://www.ssp2p.org/dad-to-dad-support>

Hey dads! Looking for a laid-back group to connect with other dads who get what you're going through? Join Jordan Kennedy at Dad to Dad, a casual meet-up for fathers raising kids with developmental delays or disabilities. We chat, share our stories, and support each other through the ups and downs.



## **Sibshops** <https://www.ssp2p.org/sibshops>

South Sound Parent to Parent Sibshops are for siblings ages 7-18 who have a sibling with a developmental delay or disability. This FREE program is a fun way for 'sibs' to meet with peers who understand the challenges that can come with having a sibling with a disability. Play games, do crafts, connect and have fun! **DINNER INCLUDED!**

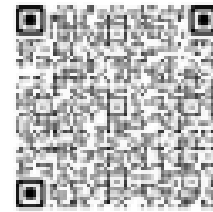


JOIN US FOR

# Buddies & Beyond!

South Sound Parent to Parent and Hawks Prairie Head Start are partnering to bring a program created for children & families to make connections and build on social skills. Fun activities, with some free play included!

ONE TIME registration required visit us at [ssp2p.org](http://ssp2p.org) or click on qr code:



Meets quarterly from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM: August 2, November 1, February 7, May 2, and August 1, 2026



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Trista Houdyshell  
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# GRAYS HARBOR PROGRAMA BILINGÜE DE APOYO ENTRE PADRES

¡South Sound Parent to Parent está emocionado de traer un nuevo programa a Grays Harbor! El programa bilingüe de apoyo entre padres es un excelente recurso para familias que están criando a un niño con retraso en el desarrollo o discapacidad. Este incluirá:

- Apoyo emocional
- Recursos de la comunidad
- Tutoría entre padres
- Apoyo con el Programa de Educación Individualizado (IEP)
- ¡Educación para padres y más!



## GRAYS HARBOR BILINGUAL PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM



**Sol Gonzalez**

Peer Support Coordinator  
(360) 637-8586  
[sgonzalez@ssp2p.org](mailto:sgonzalez@ssp2p.org)

South Sound Parent to Parent is excited to bring a new program to Grays Harbor! The bilingual peer support program is a great resource for families raising a child with a developmental delay or disability. It will include:

- Emotional support
- Community resources
- IEP Support
- Peer mentorship
- Parent education and more!



South Sound Parent to Parent

# SUMMER NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Saturday, 9 August 2025  
6-8PM



Please join South Sound Parent to Parent for play and exploration  
at the Olympia Hands on Children's Museum.

A time to connect and play, ALL exhibits will be open.

**\*NO registration required. Free parking will be on the street and in back of museum.**



For more information, please contact:  
Sylvia Davenport  
Helping Parent Program Director  
360.352.1126







South Sound Parent to Parent

# Harvest Festival



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Saturday, October 4th / 2-3:30PM

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## Fun for the entire family!

Put on your favorite costume and join South Sound Parent to Parent, along with community partners, to celebrate the Fall season. Games, prizes and treats!

SSP2P Parking Lot / 2108 Caton Way SW Olympia, WA



If you're organization is interested in being part of the fun and setting up a booth, please fill out the online registration

**Save the Date**

<https://form.jotform.com/252026454355151>



**\*\*This event is exclusive to past & present families receiving services from SSP2P\*\***

For more information, please contact:

Sylvia Davenport 360.352.1126

[sdavenport@ssp2p.org](mailto:sdavenport@ssp2p.org)



# Grays Harbor County Resources & Community Events

## CAR SEAT CHECK EVENT

GET YOUR CHILD'S SEAT CHECKED BY NATIONALLY CERTIFIED CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIANS!



SCAN TO RESERVE A TIME!

WALK INS ARE ALSO WELCOME.

**Saturday, August 16th, 2025  
11am to 2pm**

Grays Harbor County Public Health  
2109 Sumner Ave.  
Aberdeen, WA 98520



For more information, contact (360) 660-6129

HELPING PEOPLE THRIVE



## HOT MEALS PROGRAM

Provided By J Steet Catering

One meal per person

First come first serve

50 meals while supplies last

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY  
12 P.M. WHILE SUPPLIES LAST  
1401 SIMPSON AVENUE  
ABERDEEN, WA 98520



Any questions contact:  
Email: [info@tmwg.org](mailto:info@tmwg.org)  
Call: (360)207-0188



## PARK & PLAY

Each day during Summer Park & Play, mentors serve FREE lunch & lead fun games, STEM activities, athletics, arts & crafts, and team-building activities



**JUNE 16th - AUGUST 22nd  
MONDAY - FRIDAY**



**11:00AM-1:00PM**



**LUNCH: 11:30AM-12:30PM\***



**GARLEY PARK  
PETERSON PLAYFIELD  
FINCH PLAYFIELD  
NORTH ABERDEEN PLAYFIELD  
COSI LIONS PARK**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

NO PROGRAM OR LUNCH  
June 19<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, or July 4<sup>th</sup>



UNITED WAY  
Grays Harbor

**FREE**  
FOOD & PROGRAMMING  
0-18  
YEARS OLD

## KICKOFF EVENT

June 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm-7:30pm  
Finch Park  
FREE to the Community!

FREE Bike Raffle - 6 bikes

Foam Pit

Music

Games & Activities

Face Painting

Free Food Boxes

Water Park

FUN

## Learning to Grow Inc

### NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL 2025!

We have childcare openings for children  
**12 months through 5 years**  
(toddler and preschool age)  
in our Elma and Montesano locations.

*Note: Our infant and school age are currently full,  
but we are taking names for our wait list.*

Please contact us to learn more about our programs and  
how we can serve your family.

**360.482.5439 (Elma)**

**360.291.5333 (Montesano)**

**[info.learningtogrow@gmail.com](mailto:info.learningtogrow@gmail.com)**



# Kitsap County Resources & Community Events

## BEDTIME BOOKS AT BETHANY

Join us for bedtime stories in the parking lot!

July 2, 8, 16, 23, & 30

August 6

6:45pm

### Directions:

1. Park as directed; sit in your car, lawn chair, or on a blanket.
2. Read aloud books will be brought to you.
3. Follow along together as the book is read.
4. Go home with an additional book of your choice!



Bethany Lutheran Church, School, & Early Learning Center  
151 Tremont Street, Port Orchard 360-876-1300



including

## SK SUMMER SUPPERS

SKSD Food & Nutrition will be providing no cost meals to children under the age of 18!



Summer suppers will be served from 5:45-6:45pm each week!

SKSD is an equal opportunity provider & employer

## Sensory Movie Time

### SUMMER MOVIE LINE UP

JURASSIC WORLD REBIRTH	JULY 5 <sup>TH</sup>
SUPERMAN	JULY 12 <sup>TH</sup>
SMURFS	JULY 19 <sup>TH</sup>
FANTASTIC FOUR	JULY 26 <sup>TH</sup>
BADGUYS 2	AUGUST 2 <sup>ND</sup>
FREAKIER FRIDAY	AUGUST 9 <sup>TH</sup>

\*movies could change due to release dates

SeeFilm presents a Sensory Friendly movie experience. The lights turned down low, sound turned down. "Silence is Golden Policy will not be enforced unless for safety reasons." \$6 ticket, 1 caregiver free for each ticket purchased.

Questions call Kimberly at 360.818.4413

655 4<sup>TH</sup> ST, BREMERTON, WA

DOORS OPEN: 10:45AM | SHOW TIME: 11:00AM



## Neuro Nexus Teen Scene

The Neuro Nexus Teen Scene is a relaxed space for teens (ages 13-18) with neurodiversity to hang out, make friends, and have fun.

You can drop in or stay for the whole time—totally up to you! We also suggest caregivers hang out nearby in the room or chill in the library while you're at the Teen Scene.

ALL are welcome & respected

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month  
4:00-6:00 PM  
Snacks Provided  
Kitsap Regional Library  
(Sylvan Way Branch - Heninger Room)



Sylvan Way  
Kitsap Regional  
Library



South Sound  
Parent  
to Parent

Kitsap Regional Library web calendar:

<https://krl.bibliocommons.com/events/67e596ba596bfd2f001a35d9>



In partnership with Kitsap Regional Library & South Sound Parent to Parent.



# Mason County Resources & Community Events

This voluntary program is supported by funding from DCYF



**parents as teachers**

A **FREE** PROGRAM THAT BRINGS TO YOUR FAMILY...

-  Parent Support
-  Prenatal Support
-  FREE Books
-  FREE Diapers  
(When Available)
-  FREE Play Groups



 **Dominga Antonio-Nolasco 360-515-6200**  
dominga.antonio-nolasco@ccacwa.org  
English/Spanish/Kanjolal



**ADVENTURE AWAITS**

MASON TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
WILL GET YOU THERE AND BACK!

WWW.MASONTRANSIT.ORG | 360.427.5033



2025

# Movies in the Park

Presented by Shelton Parks & Recreation

## Kneeland Park

*Dates:* Friday nights from July 11 - August 15

*Start Time:* Between 9 - 9:15 p.m.

*Free Admission!*

July 11



July 18



July 25

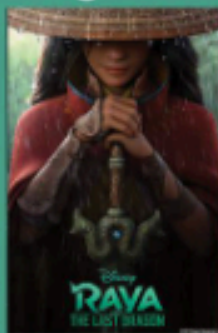


## Now Playing

August 1



August 8



August 15



# Thurston County Resources & Community Events




[https://www.thurstoncountynclusion.org/programs](https://www.thurstoncountynclclusion.org/programs)



Important Update! TCFB's Free Summer Lunch Program is underway and there have been changes/additions to the schedule at some sites.

Days and times vary at each site, so please check our website for more information, a map of all summer lunch meal sites and schedules, and downloadable flyers:  
<https://tcfb.org/services/food-services/summer-lunch/>.

## **FREE SUMMER MEALS**

-  For children 18 and under
-  No registration needed
-  Must eat meal on site

**June 23 to  
August 29**

**Monday – Friday\***

*\*See schedule exceptions  
No service on July 4*

**Evergreen Villages**  
505 Division St NW, Olympia  
Lunch: 11:25–11:55  
Snack: 1:45–2:15

**College Glen Apartments**  
4870 55<sup>th</sup> Ln SE, Lacey  
11:30–12:00

**Courtside Apartments**  
515 Courtside St SW, Olympia  
12:10–12:40

**Magnolia Villa**  
1410 Magnolia St SE, Lacey  
12:15–12:45

**Lacey Food Pantry**  
Tuesday, Thursday  
7027 Martin Way E, Lacey  
11:00–1:00

**Yauger Park**  
530 Alta St SW, Olympia  
12:50–1:30

**Copper Wood**  
110 Copper Wood Ln SE, Lacey  
1:15–1:30

**Rainier Vista Mobile Home Park**  
8530 Steilacoom Rd SE, Lacey  
1:45–2:00

**Visit our  
website  
for more  
sites:  
[tcfb.org](https://tcfb.org)**





Presented by:



*2nd Annual*

# **Thurston County Resource Hub Block Party**



Join us and **dozens of community agencies** bringing **free resources, lunch, and barber services** to Thurston County.  
**Free childhood immunizations** available to children ages 4-18 years of age.  
**Free raffle prizes.**  
Free gift cards for Hepatitis C testing.

**Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**11:00am - 4:00pm**

**929 Lakeridge Dr. SW  
Olympia, WA 98501**

- Free Veterinary Care & Grooming
- Free Showers
- Free Haircuts
- Free Vaccines
- Free Hot Dog Lunch
- Free Blood Screenings
- Blood Drive
- Access to healthcare services
- Raffle Prizes
- DSHS Mobile Services



For more information or a complete list of agencies please contact:  
[Carolina.Hershey@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:Carolina.Hershey@co.thurston.wa.us)



Please pre-register at:  
[hummingbird@kokuaservices.org](mailto:hummingbird@kokuaservices.org)

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