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November-December 2013

## FAST TRAINING COMING TO CLALLAM COUNTY IN 2014

### Functional Assessment Service Team (FAST)

Clallam County Health & Human Services Developmental Disabilities section and Clallam County Emergency Management have been working together to bring emergency preparedness survivor bag kits and education to individuals with developmental disabilities since 2004. The Ready, Set, Go program has been a great outreach project and we have supported the training and delivery of over 200 kits to citizens with developmental disabilities who live in Clallam County.

We have expanded our thinking again and are working to build on the concepts of the Ready, Set, Go work that has been provided over the past 9 years. There is a need to reach out to care providers and general citizens to receive expanded training to prepare them to be able to deliver accommodations and support to people with access and functional needs who are staying at home with a care provider or in an evacuation shelter.

Tim Bruce, Clallam County Developmental Disabilities Planner and Jamye Wisecup, Clallam County Emergency Management completed the FAST Training in Kitsap County in March, 2013 and are planning to build FAST teams to serve the needs of Clallam County citizens and visitors with disabilities who find themselves seeking shelter services in general population shelters after a major disaster that would impact this area. Trainers will be brought into Clallam County in 2014 to provide this training that expands on the first model of the Functional Assessment Service Team training developed in California.

If you are interested in becoming part of the FAST team, please contact Tim Bruce @ 417-2428, or Jamye Wisecup @ 417-2525.

*Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00am. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.*



Change your thoughts and you change your world.

- Norman Vincent Peale

## CLIENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Thirty-seven years ago a boy was born. He immediately made an impression on his parents hearts and, shortly after, on the hearts of friends and family. His name is Toby. Toby was born unique and with several hurdles to overcome. He has struggled and triumphed his whole life with the support of his mom and many loved ones.

Toby entered supported employment when it first came to Forks and has since learned many job skills through volunteer opportunities. All of his hard work paid off in July when he landed his first paying job! Toby has become a part of a team at Three Rivers Resort and enjoys his work (except when it's raining). His mom jokes that soon he will be supporting her! Everyone that works with Toby or has known him is delighted to see him in a paid position that he loves.

- Thank you to Courtney Garcia @ Concerned Citizens for submitting this article.



The only source of knowledge is experience. - Albert Einstein



**Clallam  
County  
Orcas**



Sixty-five members of the Clallam County Orcas Special Olympics program are preparing for their Bowling tournament that will be held on Sunday November 3rd at All Star Lanes in Silverdale. It is very exciting to see our program grow so much. We love all of our new athletes.

At the end of November we shall begin our basketball season. We hope to have practices in both Port Angeles and Sequim. There are teams of varying ability levels and individual skills competition as well, so all are invited to come and play with us. If you are interested in participating or volunteering, please call Wendy Bonham at 360-477-4134

## DON'T FORGET

-  **DDAC Meeting** — Thursday November 7th, 5:30 - 7:30pm at the Board of County Commissioners Board Room, Clallam County Courthouse and Videoconferencing: District Court, Forks.
-  **BLAC Meeting** — “Business Leadership Advisory Committee”, a subcommittee of the DDAC ,will be held on Thursday January 24th, 5:15—7:30pm at Dungeness Courte Memory Care, Sequim. Please check the BLAC website for updated dates and locations at [www.clallam.net/HHS/HumanServices/blac](http://www.clallam.net/HHS/HumanServices/blac) .
-  **Blood Drive** — Monday December 16th, 1-7pm at the Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles.

## AND AROUND TOWN



Shipley Center Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale, November 1st & 2nd, Shipley (Sequim) Senior Center, 921 E. Hammond St., Sequim. For more information contact Judy Lange at 683-4969.



Forks Police Department Thanksgiving Town Hall Meeting & Feast—Thursday November 14th, 5-8pm, Forks Elks Lodge, 941 Merchants Road, Forks. The FPD will provide the turkey, public is encouraged to bring side dishes. Call 461-4112 for more information.

7th Annual Holiday Nature Mart—November 15th & 16th, Dungeness River Audubon Center, Railroad Bridge Park, 2151 W. Hendrickson Rd, Sequim. Handcrafted gifts, wreath making, table arrangements, baked goods. Admission is free. For more info, call 681-4076.



11th Annual Holiday Bazaar presented by the Sequim Lavender Growers Association—November 29th (1-4pm) and 30th (9-4), Sunland Ballroom, 109 Hilltop Dr, Sequim. Pictures with Santa, handmade lavender products and raffles. Free admission. Call Susan Zuspan at 582-1345 for more information.



Christmas Cottage—November 8th-10th, Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles. Homemade items for gifts, wreaths, decorations. Free admission.

Agnew Holiday Bazaar— November 9th, 9am-3pm, Agnew Hall, 1241 North Barr Road, Port Angeles. Lunch available. For more information call Myla Reid at 452-2872.

Veteran's Day Weekend at Washington State Parks—November 9th—11th. All Washington State Parks are free to visit for these 3 days. No Discover Pass required. For more information go to [www.discoverpass.wa.gov](http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov)



Festival of Trees—November 29th to December 1st, Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles. Come view the trees!



Christmas Fair— December 7th & 8th, Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles. Handcrafted art, jewelry, food items and much more! Over 40 vendors. Free admission



September and October have been busy months for Clallam Mosaic! We've gotten into the full swing of our Fall Quarter programming activities, hired a new Executive Director, hosted a fundraising Fun Walk, participated in some volunteer activities in the area and been hard at work putting together our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mosaic Spaghetti Dinner.

**Fall Quarter Classes:** Mosaic's commitment to our current enrollment of over 55 participants represents over 14 hours of programming per week. Volunteer "T" Smith is leading the Healthy Bounty classes, introducing participants to kale, brussel sprouts on the stalk and more healthy eating choices. On the theater front, the new children's production of Green Eggs and Ham is really taking shape, with 8 cast members and participant, Kim Wing, stepping in as producer! The Snappy Player's production of "Late for Tea" will show in early and late spring. An art exploration class called "Art with Carrie" is being sponsored by Virginia O'Neill.

**Executive Director:** Mosaic's new Executive Director, Priya Jayadev, joined the organization in mid-September. She is a former pharmaceutical executive who brings grant writing/review, marketing, staff management, financial management, teaching and volunteer expertise to Mosaic. She is an energetic new leader that will help drive Mosaic's brand recognition and sustainability goals.

**Fun Walk:** Mosaic's Fun Walk took place on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. The walk occurred along the Port Angeles waterfront and served not only to raise funds for programming and scholarships but also brought some community awareness to the Mosaic name.

**Volunteering:** Through the Peninsula College Volunteer Fair and community outreach efforts undertaken by the Mosaic Staff and Board, the list of classroom volunteers has grown to 7. We hope to identify 2 to 4 more volunteers from Peninsula College's International Club in mid-November – to help in the classroom, during field trips or in administrative tasks. In addition, Mosaic Staff and Board did some volunteering themselves by participating in United Way's Day of Caring on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and in the Celebrity Bagger event on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Swain's.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mosaic Spaghetti Dinner:** To be held on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, this benefit event will be supported by Sunland Golf and Country Club and will be held at their facilities in Sequim (109 Hilltop Drive). A cocktail hour will be followed by dinner and a dessert auction, featuring delicacies prepared by local bakeries and Mosaic Board members. Entertainment will be provided by the Sequim High School Jazz Band and Choir.

Finally, our focus turns to the 2014 calendar. Our staff is in the process of developing programming for the upcoming year. Commitments to theater, arts, lifelong learning and healthy eating remain strong through continued programming in 2014. In addition, new ideas being developed focus on health and wellbeing from perspectives beyond the kitchen and on literacy development. So stay tuned, ([www.clallamosaic.org](http://www.clallamosaic.org)), there is much more to come in the upcoming months!

## BUSINESS TO BUSINESS EXPO



(Tim Bruce, Planner and Mary Clifton, Case Manager)

Clallam County Health & Human Services-Developmental Disabilities staff, Tim Bruce and Mary Clifton, participated in the annual Business to Business Expo sponsored by the Sequim Chamber of Commerce. It was held Tuesday Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at Sunland Clubhouse and was open to the public. Many area businesses were represented; displaying their products and giving free samples to fellow participants and attendees. Tim and Mary's display featured individuals with developmental disabilities who are employed in our community, and supported through Individual Supported Employment services.

They presented a video of a Costco Manager in Gig Harbor and business owner, Eric Schneider of Lee Shore Boats in Port Angeles speaking to the benefits of hiring individuals with developmental disabilities. The video also featured an employee at Lee Shore Boats. These videos were a great conversation starter and other businesses stopped by to learn about job carving. Many were not familiar with the concept of job carving and one business wants further contact about some ideas for their company. Others businesses were surprised that there were 33 businesses in our County recognized in October for having employees with developmental disabilities in their employ.

Representative Steve Tharinger expressed interest in the Business Leadership Advisory Committee (BLAC); particularly the Business to Business Mentorship Program. And, one of the businesses who currently employ people with developmental disabilities was in attendance and generously agreed to be part of the BLAC's Mentorship Program.



The Healthy Bounty class gets ready to make oven roasted vegetables. From left to right: Doug Severe, Ursula Schletter, Lorinda Dorst, Volunteer instructor T Smith, Kira Kersting, David Dow, Ruth Brandt, and Mary Winch.



T Smith talks about the values of fresh vegetables in the diet. Pictured: Kira Kersting (wearing chef's hat) and T Smith



**Courthouse Closures**

**November**  
 11th—Holiday  
 18th—Furlough  
 28th & 29th—Holiday

**December**  
 23rd—Furlough  
 25th—Holiday  
 30th—Furlough

**January**  
 1st—Holiday



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