



Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division
Developmental Disabilities Board Report
October 2023

From the Early Childhood Team:

What's Going On?

Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) Career Pathways

Scholarship | The ESIT Career Pathways Scholarship community workgroup recently launched! The scholarship will provide an opportunity and pathway to grow and diversify King County's ESIT workforce. The purpose of this scholarship program is to support the expansion of quality, inclusive, linguistically, and culturally relevant ESIT services.

The workgroup consists of an amazing diverse group of individuals, including Tiff Lee from the DD Board, ESIT families, community partners, higher ed partners, ESIT providers and administrators, and individuals who identify as experiencing disability.

What's Coming Up?

Fall Professional Development Opportunities for Early Childhood

Providers | The Workforce Development strategy has exciting new opportunities open to community partners!

- Scholarships for WAEYC 2023
[2023 Washington Association for the Education of Young Children \(WAEYC\) Conference - English Track OR English + Spanish Track \(2 DAYS\) | Best Starts for Kids \(beststartsworkshops.org\)](#)
- Fall In-Person Workshop: Cultivating Genius in an Equitable Society by Dr. Debra Ren-Etta Sullivan NO COST (Lunch Provided/Networking)



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[Workforce Development Fall In-person Workshop: Cultivating Genius in an Equitable Society | Best Starts for Kids](#)
[\(beststartsworkshops.org\)](#)

- Community of Practice: Trauma and the Social Roots of Migration (Stipend Available)
[Trauma and The Social Roots of Migration | Best Starts for Kids](#)
[\(beststartsworkshops.org\)](#)

Best Starts Blog Post: <https://beststartsblog.com/2023/09/25/fall-workforce-development-opportunities-for-early-childhood-providers/>

Please reach out with any questions to: bsk-wested@wested.org

From the Adult Services Team:

What's Going On?

Welcoming New Service Providers | DDECSD welcomes two new service providers to the qualified provider list for King County. Disability Empowerment Center is a new provider for Community Inclusion Services, and Easterseals Washington will be available for Individual Employment Service referrals starting in October 2023.

What's Coming Up?

Outreach Events | The School-to-Work Team continues to participate in multiple parent information evenings and school district outreach events to share information with students and families. The Adult Services Team will be attending a Community Information Resource Fair at Fircrest Residential Habilitation Center the first week of October. This event will offer an opportunity to share information regarding services, and to meet with service providers.



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From the Community Information Outreach and Referral Team:

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Housing Conference Update | The Board sponsored Housing Conference planned for September 2023 was postponed last month and is now anticipated to be held in February 2024.

What's Coming Up?

Board Meeting | The next hybrid Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., at the WorkSource Tukwila, 645 Andover Park W, Conference Room 130, Tukwila.

Legislative Forum | King County's Developmental Disabilities and Delays Legislative Forum is coming soon! Please save the date, **Thursday, December 7th**, at the DoubleTree Suites in Southcenter. Registration details coming soon. This is an opportunity for DDECSD to share our 2024 State legislative priorities with elected officials and the community. DDECSD has just concluded collecting input from community members and service providers who shared what they think legislators should focus on in the upcoming session. This input helps inform DDECSD's legislative priorities. Please join the November Board meeting to learn more about the final legislative priorities.