Information from Our Partners

Family Camp 2025

May 2-4, 2025 | Lazy F Campground, Ellensburg, WA

Washington state families with Deaf and Hard of Hearing students, it's time to register for Family Camp 2025! In collaboration with the Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth (CDHY), Washington Sensory Disabilities Services (WSDS) sponsors an annual weekend for families with children and teens who are deaf/hard of hearing. Families stay in cabins at the Lazy F Ranch outside of Ellensburg, attend workshops, and have a great time!

Registration closes on April 11, and is currently full, but you can still be added to the waitlist. For more information, please visit the Family Camp event <u>webpage</u>.

- English registration link
- Spanish registration link

For questions, please contact Christy Camarata, Program Coordinator at christy.camarata@cdhy.wa.gov.

Order of Selection: DVR Waitlist Effective March 17, 2025

Effective March 17, 2025, DSHS' **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) has entered a waiting list** as part of Order of Selection. This means categories 3, 4, and 5 are closed and customers determined eligible in those categories will be put on a waiting list for DVR services.

An **Order of Selection** is how the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation prioritizes services for people who need them most. A waiting list is required by federal law when the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation does not have sufficient resources to serve all eligible customers.

While DVR remains under Order of Selection, people determined eligible in categories 1 and 2 will continue to receive a full range of services.

The DVR State Plan, which describes the Division's goals and priorities, partnerships, services, and activities, has been updated and approved by the Rehabilitation Services Administration to reflect the change to a waiting list. You can find the plan on this page of the DVR website.

For more information on Order of Selection including facts and questions, important information for students and families about Transition Services, and details on service categories, please visit the <u>Order of Selection Information page</u> on the DVR website.

If you have questions, please reach out to dvrstateplan@dshs.wa.gov and we will respond as soon as possible.



Reminder: Demonstration Site Visits for Inclusive Positive Behavior Support

Is your district facing challenges related to student behavior? The demonstration sites below still have availability for this school year to host visits, in partnership with the University of Washington's Haring Center, to showcase their real-world successes and journeys in improving services and outcomes for students with behavior support needs. Support for this work was provided as part of the *Reducing Restraint and Eliminating Isolation Project*.

All demonstration sites below highlight inclusionary practices with a specific focus on effective and positive behavior support practices. Click <u>here</u> to request a visit!

- Bainbridge Island School District: <u>*xalilc (Halilts) Elementary School</u>
- Bainbridge Island School District: <u>Woodward Middle School</u>
- Centralia School District: Oakview Elementary School
- Mukilteo School District: <u>Mukilteo Elementary School</u>
- Seattle Public Schools: <u>Gatewood Elementary</u>
- Spokane Public Schools: Whitman Elementary School

Career Exploration and Hiring Event

May 22, 2025 | 9am-1:30pm | ShoWare Center-Kent, WA

This event is designed to assist Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind students in exploring career opportunities and helping them link their interests to career pathways. Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind students from all over the state are welcome to attend. To register, visit the event <u>registration page</u>. For questions about this event, please contact Cathy Corrado at ccorrado@nwrain.com.