

# Housing Now!!! Conference Schedule

Highline College - March 10, 2018

<p><b>8:30-9:00</b> <i>Continental Breakfast</i></p>	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks in</b> Mt. Townsend Commons Area – Building 8</p>	<p><b>Welcome:</b> Katherine Festa, King County DDD and Leo Finnegan, King County DDD Board Chair <b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Claudia Balducci – King County Council Member</p>			
	<p><b>Getting Started</b> <i>Needed Services</i>  <b>Mt. Constance Room</b> <b>Building 8</b></p>	<p><b>Exploring Options</b> <i>Knowledge</i>  <b>Building 2</b></p>	<p><b>Putting it all Together</b> <i>Implementation</i>  <b>Building 7</b></p>	<p><b>Advocating for Housing</b> <i>What families need to do</i> <b>Mt. Olympus Room</b> <b>Building 8</b></p>	<p><b>Self-Advocate Workshops</b> <i>Vision for Housing</i> <b>Mt. Skykomish Room</b> <b>Building 8</b></p>
<p>Session 1 <b>9:15-10:15</b></p>	<p><b>Parent Panel “Vision for Housing”</b> Moderated by Joanne O’Neill</p>	<p><b>Self-Advocate Panel “Success Stories!”</b> Moderated by KCDDD’s Katherine Festa</p>	<p><b>Which Model is Right for You?</b> By The Arc’s Robin Tatsuda</p>	<p><b>What’s the Plan? Vision your Future</b> by The Arc’s Cathy Murahashi</p>	<p><b>Everyone Has Hopes and Dreams for their Life</b> By David Murahashi</p>
<p>Session 2 <b>10:30-11:30</b></p>	<p><b>Benefits &amp; Personal Care Services</b> By DSHS/DDA’s Heather Tremaine</p>	<p><b>Essential Components for Housing</b> By The Arc’s Robin Tatsuda</p>	<p><b>How to find and select an Adult Family Home</b> By DSHS/DDA’s Kayla Davis</p>	<p><b>Your Voice Matters: Simple Ways to Make a Difference</b> By The Arc’s Cathy Murahashi</p>	<p><b>Doing what you want to do as your own self-advocate</b> By The Arc’s Eric Matthes</p>
<p><b>11:45-12:30</b> <i>Taco Bar Lunch</i></p>	<p><b>Speaker:</b> Ed Holen, Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council – Mt. Townsend Commons Area, Building 8</p>				
<p>Session 3 <b>12:45-1:45</b></p>	<p><b>Bricks &amp; Mortar: Section 8, ADU’s, Homeownership</b> By Parkview’s Mark Cote &amp; KCDDD’s Katherine Festa</p>	<p><b>Adult Family Homes &amp; Supported Living</b> By DSHS/DDA’s Brian Borton</p>	<p><b>Shared Living – How to Create it</b> By Community Homes’ Vicki Isett</p>	<p><b>How to Advocate for Adult Family Homes Serving the I/DD Community</b> By AFH Council’s John Ficker</p>	<p><b>Roommates: Do’s and Don’ts</b> By The Arc’s Claire Tierney and Daniel Isherwood</p>
<p>Session 4 <b>2:00-3:00</b></p>	<p><b>Financial &amp; Legal Considerations</b> By Denise Redinger &amp; Christy Thompson Ibrahim</p>	<p><b>Shared Living – What is it?</b> By Community Homes’ Vicki Isett &amp; Partners4Housing’s Pam Blanton</p>	<p><b>How to Recruit Live-In Caregivers</b> By Community Homes’ Alyssa Midgley</p>	<p><b>How to Advocate for Affordable Housing</b> By The Arc’s Ramona Hattendorf</p>	<p><b>Klondike the Therapy Dog</b> By Debbie Skow</p>
<p><b>3:15-4:30</b> <i>Dessert</i></p>	<p><b>Networking for further connections with families in your area – Mt. Townsend Commons Area, Building 8</b></p>				

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***Choose Your Housing Workshop Track:*** Use these descriptions to determine which workshop track will best support your family in your housing journey. Each track is tailored to a different stage of the housing process.

**Getting Started – Services:** This track is for families just starting the housing process for their loved one. We will review financial considerations when looking at community-based housing and help you identify which services you need to make it sustainable. You will get an overview of critical benefits and how to apply, including personal care services and Section 8 rental assistance. We will also review homeownership opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Exploring Options – Knowledge:** This track is for families who already have many of the services needed for housing. We will discuss current housing models available to adults with disabilities Adult Family Homes, Supported Living, and how to create your own housing for your loved one (“Shared Living”). Personal stories will help you envision the most appropriate option(s) for your family member.

**Putting It All Together – Implementation:** This track is for families whose loved one is ready to move into the community. We will share specifics on how to find an appropriate Adult Family Home, briefly discuss what you need to access Supported Living, how to create your own housing for your loved one (“Shared Living”), and how to recruit live-in caregivers.

**Advocating for Housing – How Families Can Make A Difference:** This track gives families an opportunity to learn how to advocate for increased capacity for community-based housing in Washington State. There is not a clear system for housing for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The responsibility falls to families to navigate housing opportunities for their family member.

**Self-Advocate Views – Vision for Housing:** This track is for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability who are ready to move and live independently. We will discuss your vision for housing, self-advocacy skills, strategies to live with roommates and more.