

OUTLOOK

Pacific County: Employment & Social Services
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**A Newsletter from the
Pacific Co. Health &
Human Services Dept.**

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Points of interest:

- State DDD—Overview of Programs
- Interview w/ participant of Camp Hope
- Announcements & Social Rec

Employment & Day Services:

- **Person to Person**
- **Group Supported Employment (GSE)**
- **Individual Supported Employment (ISE)**
- **Social Recreation Activities**

As the school year begins we at the Pacific County Health & Human Services Department want to highlight the employment and social resources available to clients with developmental disabilities. We desire to serve the clients of our community and help them with employment opportunities that meet

their interests as well as talents. Below is a quick summary of the programs we offer. If you or a dependent would like more information about any of these programs please contact Katie Lindstrom or Judy Jones at 360-875-9343 or Greta McDougal at 360-875-4344.

Person to Person— is a service that assists individuals in reaching paid employment that is specific to an individuals interests and talents. This process is referred to as a “pathway to employment.” Person to Person involves a “team” of individuals that are familiar with the client. This team can include: family members, friends, past employers, etc. All of these individuals gather to help the client determine the kind of employment they are seeking as well as discovering gifts, talents, and skills the individual possesses.

Individual Supported Employment (ISE)— When an individual is hired the job coach works with the individual to make sure they are able to learn the necessary skills to be successful in the job. The job coach acts as a liaison between the employer and the employee. This is an on-going process with specific services dependent up on the individuals needs.

Group Supported Employment (GSE)— This work occurs in a variety of settings with a group consisting of no more than 8 workers with a disability. GSE supports individuals with long-term assistance and training for lasting employment. The North County GSE group is run by Coastal Community Action and the South County Group is run by Coast Rehab.

Social Recreation Activities—currently there are monthly social activities for clients with Developmental Disabilities and their families. Activities alternate between the North and South part of the county. We regularly do activities like bowling at the Hilltop Bowling alley in Long Beach and going to the Raymond Theatre. For more information, or to suggest a new social recreation activity, please contact Melissa Sexton at 360-875-9343.

Interview with Cathi Nygaard, Participant of Camp Hope, August 1st-5th 2010

This year there were 12 campers at Camp Hope. The camp directors are Marcia Campbell, her daughter Amy, and Amy's daughter Emma. Camp Hope is held at the Ocean Park Methodist Retreat Center. Camp Hope has been operating since 1990. The staff includes four counselors and an RN. This year campers enjoyed swimming, kayaking, crafts, and singing. The campers had an opportunity to make friends and experience delightful meals. One of the campers is an accomplished piano player who entertained campers with his lively tunes. If you are interested in attending Camp Hope next August please contact Willis Williams (Director), Ocean Park Retreat Center P.O. Box, Ocean Park, WA 98631.



*Cathi Nygaard enjoying
Camp Hope in Ocean Park.*

How many days does Camp Hope last? About 4 days

How many times have you attended Camp Hope? Many times and I love it!!!!!!

What is your favorite activity? Swimming

What kind of crafts do you do? Making stained windows from paper and knitting.

Where is your home town? Ocean Park, Washington

Do you plan on coming back next year? I think so; I hope to.

Cathi Nygaard works at Coastal Rehab in Long Beach. She washes windows and cleans the Fire Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SOCIAL REC

Wanted: Human Services Advisory Board Members!

We are currently recruiting for volunteer board members to serve on the Pacific County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC).

The HSAC advises the Pacific County Board of County Commissioners on all issues related to the Human Services programs including the Developmental Disabilities and Chemical Dependency Treatment programs. The board meets for 2 hours every other month (alternating between South Bend and Long Beach).

If you are interested in human services and would like to serve, please contact Katie Lindstrom for an application.

**Next meeting : Tues., October 19—9:30-11:30
Health Department Office in South Bend**

Enhancing A Young Child's Language Development

Date: October 23, 2010
Location: Seattle Children's Hospital,
Wright Auditorium
Cost: Free (lunch also provided)

This one-day seminar is geared toward parents and a wide range of educational and health professionals. It will provide a basic understanding of normal language development, and an understanding of why early language experience is critical to speech-language development.

Registration must be received by Oct. 15th.
Call Melissa Sexton 360-875-9343 for registration information.

**Bowling & Lunch
Hilltop Bowl
Sept. 20, 2010
10:00-Noon**



We will be playing two games and having lunch. Please bring \$8.00 for bowling, shoes, & lunch.

NEPTUNE TWIN THEATRES

**FREE Matinee Movies—
Every Wednesday @ 1PM**



Sept. 22— "Jim Thorpe—All American" 1951
Sept. 29th— "Flying Tigers" 1942

All ages admitted FREE (subject to theater capacity).