

# Programs of



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PAVE is a parent directed organization that works with families, individuals with disabilities, professionals and community members in all walks of life and with all types of disabilities.

1. **Parent Training and Information Program (funded since 1981)** The Parent Training Program is funded to provide training and support to parents in Washington State whose children have special learning needs. Call the number above to locate the office closest to you. The Program conducts workshops on various aspects of obtaining appropriate services in the public school system. Other specific types of services:
  - a. One-to-one training and information for parents who visit or call (toll-free 1-800-5-PARENT v/tty).
  - b. When a parent calls any of our offices he/she will work with a Parent Resource Coordinator who will outline steps to address concerns or solve problems. Parent Resource Coordinators are parents of children with disabilities.
  - c. Volunteer Community Liaisons help parents and coordinate workshops in their communities. Community Liaisons receive intensive training each year.
  - d. Workshops on single topics such as specific disabilities, transition, inclusion, etc.
2. **Pierce County Parent to Parent (funded by Pierce County Human Services, since 1983)** Pierce County Parent to Parent provides emotional support and information on community resources for parents who have a child with a disability or chronic health need. A Helping Parent Volunteer, who has a child with similar needs, can assist families in coping with many challenging experiences and feelings and provide personal support. The Program Coordinator or Helping Parent can contact a family by phone, home visit, or hospital visit. Additional services offered are:
  - a. Information on community resources, disabilities and health concerns.
  - b. National and statewide matching for families who have a child with a rare disorder.
  - c. Training program for parents who would like to become a Helping Parent Volunteer.
  - d. Online support and information.
  - e. Dad's support group.

For more information, please call **Michele Lehosky** or **Susan Jackson**, Parent to Parent Coordinators at 253-565-2266 (v/tty) or 1-800-572-7368 (v/tty) or email at [mmlehosky@wapave.org](mailto:mmlehosky@wapave.org) or [sjackson@wapave.org](mailto:sjackson@wapave.org).

3. **Specialized Training of Military Parents - STOMP (funded since 1985)** The STOMP program provides special training and support to military parents throughout the United States and overseas, with special emphasis on helping other parent centers learn about issues facing military parents. STOMP trains teams of parents and professionals who can then provide training and information to others. Call 1-800-572-7368 (v/tty) to locate the office closest to you. The program has developed training materials and workshop topics specific to military families including the following:
  - a. Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDD's) and Defense Department Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS).
  - b. The importance of maintaining home records / files.
  - c. Working as a team member to develop and maintain effective and "appropriate " services for your child.
  - d. Locating resources in your current duty station and at future assignments.For more information contact **Heather Hebdon** at 253-565-2266 (v/tty) or 1-800-572-7368 (v/tty) or email [hhebdon@wapave.org](mailto:hhebdon@wapave.org).

- 4. Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) Coordinator (funded since 1989)**  
Supports a contracted position with PAVE to provide technical assistance and consultation to the State and County Interagency Coordinating Councils to increase parent participation. The position is responsible for increasing parent awareness of Public Law 105-17 Part C, and to provide technical assistance and training on family centered practices. Other responsibilities include obtaining and providing input to the program regarding perceptions and needs of parents of children birth to three with disabilities throughout the state and to facilitate exchange of information across parent groups. For more information, please call **Debbie Jackson** at 253-565-2266 (v/tty) or 1-800-572-7368 (v/tty) or email at [djackson@wapave.org](mailto:djackson@wapave.org).
- 5. Community Inclusion Program** –The Community Inclusion Program works in cooperation with school districts and Self Advocates of Washington provide meetings in three geographical areas, Southeast and Westside Pierce County and Peninsula area. The program offers community building activities for parents, individuals with a disability, friends, neighbors and community members. The meetings offer information and education and assist parents and individuals to build a network of support. Childcare and Youth activities are offered at meetings to encourage friendships. An annual Self Determination Forum is offered in May. For more information, please call **Susan Jackson, Sarah Miller or Michele Lehosky** at 253-565-2266 (v/tty) or 1-800-572-7368 (v/tty) or email at [mmlehosky@wapave.org](mailto:mmlehosky@wapave.org) or [sjackson@wapave.org](mailto:sjackson@wapave.org) or [smiller@wapave.org](mailto:smiller@wapave.org).
- 6. Person Centered Planning** – The program offers person centered plans for students and adults with a disability, facilitator training, and works in cooperation with five school districts. The person centered planning is a process focused on the gifts, talents, and dreams of a person, and helps the person develop action steps to move closer to their dreams and goals. The process utilizes a tool; Maps, that will guide and record the person's plan. It involves 4-5 meetings, usually in the persons home, where friends, family, professionals, teachers and others chosen by the person and family come together to participate. The process is lead by a facilitator, who guides the process and graphics facilitator, who records the process. For more information, please call **Michele Lehosky** at 253-565-2266 (v/tty) or 1-800-572-7368 (v/tty) or email a [mmlehosky@wapave.org](mailto:mmlehosky@wapave.org).
- 7. Family to Family Health Information Center**– A clearinghouse of information that will be supported through an existing partnership with the Washington Family to Family Network. The Center will build on existing community based supports and leadership to identify and support families with the information they need in making decisions for their children and youth with special health care needs. For more information, please call **Julie Finholm** at (253) 565-2266 or email at [jfinholm@wapave.org](mailto:jfinholm@wapave.org).
- 8. 360 Military Family Center** focuses on three major areas. These include providing information, referral, and assistance in accessing: Health care and mental health; Early intervention; and Special Education. These services will be provided in coordination with partner programs and services within the PAVE Organization and community. PAVE will assist qualified military families with some limited respite care. This support will augment the Army EFMP Respite Care Program, any Developmental Disabilities services, and any Medicaid Waivers families may have. For more information contact **Jill McCormick** at (253) 565-2266 or email at [jmccormick@wapave.org](mailto:jmccormick@wapave.org)
- 9. Response to Intervention (RTI) – Information for Families** – Provides training and information for families in Washington State whose school districts provide interventions through an RTI (Response to Intervention) Model. Provides access to a vast collection of information and resources to assist parents in understanding their role in the RTI process and to learn strategies that support their child's' educational progress. For more information, call Michaela Duggan 1-800-572-7368 or email at [mduggan@wapave.org](mailto:mduggan@wapave.org).