# Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2021

1. Check-In and Announcements
   1. Jen Chong Jewell (PAVE – PTI) – Events can be viewed on [Facebook Page,](https://www.facebook.com/WAParentTrainingInformation) [Training with ESD 114](https://wapave.org/event/online-pti-training-esd-114-hybrid-and-virtual-learning-for-special-education-students/?instance_id=1436) on Oct. 27 which is open to everyone
   2. Cindy Myers (PAVE) – Positive Parenting Program is starting at [PAVE](https://wapave.org/)
   3. Doreen VanderVort (PAVE – P2P Pierce County) – [Pierce County Developmental Disability Legislative Forum](https://www.piercelegislativeforum.org/) on Nov. 19
   4. Whitney Stohr (Arc of Snohomish County) – [Event Calendar available](https://arcsno.org/calendar/2011-09-28-13-55-58/month.calendar/2021/09/30/-)
   5. Barbara Roxas (Arc of Whatcom County) – [Self advocate & P2P meetings](http://arcwhatcom.org/wp/events/), [Halloween BINGO](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/event?eid=MWhxbDRkZzVkdHE2b3ZoZDY4aWJ2MzhjazcgZXZlbnRzQHAycHdoYXRjb20ub3Jn&ctz=America/Los_Angeles) on Oct. 28, [Healthy Relationships workshop](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/event?eid=MHZnZWdobXF0ZjAyOW5vaDJzYjRhbWJna2cgOW84czUwcmJqb2tzdGduanB1bXR2b2pnZmdAZw&ctz=America/Los_Angeles) on Oct. 21
   6. Michelle Hoffman (DDA) – Getting ready to start 5-Year Waiver Renewals, stakeholder meetings will be announced in October
   7. Louis Mendoza (WA Father’s Network) – Hosting series of [webinar for parent of a child with special needs](https://fathersnetwork.org/fathers-network-monthly-virtual-webinars/), Washington Interagency Fatherhood Council has started [Dad Allies Learning Sessions](https://wafatherhoodcouncil.org/https%3A/wafatherhoodcouncil.org/dad-allies-initiative/north-star-father-friendly-principles/dad)
   8. Janise Schutz (WSCC) – [SUD Family Navigator Training Program](https://wsccsupport.org/family-navigator-training/) is now available
   9. Sue Adelman (UW LEND) – New cohort of trainees just started
   10. Keishawna Smith (PAVE – STOMP) – [Online workshops in November](https://wapave.org/specialized-training-of-military-parents-stomp/specialized-training-of-military-parents-stomp-installation-near-you/), with military families given priority but open to everyone
   11. Nikki Dyer (DoH) – Contact Nikki at Dyer, Nikki (DOH) nikki.dyer@doh.wa.gov if you want an event of yours to be added to the WSLI Newsletter
   12. Anna Macias (Inspire Development Centers)
2. WSLI Conference Take-Aways
   1. What worked and what didn’t
      1. Some suggestions about a different time, other liked the morning
      2. Keep it short
   2. Which conversations should we continue
      1. Diversity in our organizations
         1. Racial, gender, location, ethnicity, etc.
         2. Middle class white women make up majority of CYSHCN non-profit employees, volunteers, board members, and leadership
         3. How do we intentionally be more inclusive in hiring, so that our organizations better reflect the multiplicity of identities that we wish to work with
      2. Ripples of Transformation, but more in-depth
3. Next Steps
   1. Possible events, trainings, workshops
      1. Diversity and inclusivity - Creating a welcoming space for all people
         1. Keishawna’s thoughts, paraphrased:
            1. It is difficult to engage a community that you are not a part of, therefore employing individuals of different backgrounds is essential to boarding the reach of an organization.
            2. [Speaking of the South] Leadership positions not traditionally given to people of color.
            3. Empowering families cannot be done from a position of authority, but equity and shared experiences
            4. People do not feel welcome when no one in an organization looks like them
         2. Listening to leaders in our field (who are not white women) about how to better engage everyone, i.e. Louis and Keishawna
            1. Have cultural humility through education
         3. Technology How-To’s
            1. How to host a meeting or conference
            2. Translation options