



Access Fund News

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Do you have a story to share? Is there something you would like to learn about? Send your ideas to info@washingtonaccessfund.org! We'll include them in our newsletter and/or on Facebook.

Last Call for Applications!

This is a reminder that the Work Opportunities application deadline is Wednesday, June 18th! The Washington Access Fund has teamed up with Seattle-King County and Snohomish County Workforce Development Councils to offer a new program with grant money and employment counseling for people with disabilities.



We will match every \$1 saved up to \$2,000. Save a dollar—get a dollar! If you save the maximum \$2,000 - that would mean you'd have \$4,000 to go towards your purchase goal.

This IDA program is funded through a Department of Labor Disability Employment Initiative grant. The sooner individuals sign up, the longer they have to save! Participants in the Work Opportunities IDA Program will be required to save for at least 3 months and a minimum of \$10 per month.

Get your applications in by **Wednesday, June 18th!** Contact Emerson Sekins for more information! Email: emerson@washingtonaccessfund.org or call (206) 328-5116 - or visit our website at [Work Opportunities IDA](#).

Institute on Disability Seeks Artists for 2015 Calendar



Are you an artist looking for an opportunity to get your work noticed? Do you know someone who is an artist and might be interested in such an opportunity?

For the past 15 years, the Institute on Disability (IOD) at the University of New Hampshire has produced a calendar featuring 13 original works of art. These highly anticipated calendars are distributed each year a few thousand people around the world connected to the IOD. The IOD is currently inviting artists to submit artwork to be

considered for its 2015 Calendar. Click here to [learn more about how to submit your artwork](#).

June 21st: Veteran Resource Fair

The Veteran Resource Fair will be held at the Tacoma Dome from 9am-3pm. This free event will offer resources for veterans, active duty military, National Guard/Reserve service members and their family members in Pierce, Kitsap, Thurston, and King Counties. [Click here to view the event flyer](#), which includes contact information for exhibitors and volunteers. Coordinated by the Pierce County Veterans Advisory Council; Pierce County Veterans Bureau; and Military Veterans Solutions.



The Washington Access Fund will be a resource at this fair. Be sure to stop by at our table and say hi if you're at this event!

DeafWaves added to H3.tv Programing Lineup



TORONTO, CANADA | MENDHAM, NJ – 9 June 2014 - “DeafWaves,” a new entertainment show, centered on Deaf Culture and presented in International Sign with subtitles, launched Saturday, June 7th at H3.tv. This internet show is a production of H3 Network Media Alliance. All episodes of this original production become part of H3.tv’s programming schedule with each episode showing coming out every two weeks.

[Click here to view the first episode.](#)

GiveBIG Thank You



A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Seattle Foundation's GiveBIG. A percentage of every donation we received during the 24 hour day of online giving was matched by the Seattle Foundation's Stretch Pool. In total, we received \$3,304 in donations which includes the percentage match from the Seattle Foundation. These donations will help us provide much needed asset building services to people with disabilities throughout Washington State.

June Resources



June 18th: Social Security After Retirement - a free workshop by the Social Security Administration will be held at Evergreen State College from 4:30pm-5:30pm. Information will include: Retirement Benefits and Eligibility Requirements; Delaying Benefits; What Early Retirement Does To Your Benefits; How going back to work effects your Benefits; Information Regarding Medicare, Disability, and Spouse Benefits; SSA Online Services; What the Future Holds for the Social Security; and Understand How To Get The Most From Your Benefit. For more information please visit the [Social Security After Retirement Workshop](#).

June 18th: Pierce County High Risk Population Disaster Planning Summit - will be held at the STAR Center in Tacoma from 8:30am-4pm. Learn how to respond to an active shooter and develop lock down plans; Identify the hazards and risks in your area and agency; Hear from a panel of law enforcement, fire personnel, and hospital staff on how they can assist you in your emergency planning; Prepare you employees and clients for disasters. Who should attend? Any individual, agency, organization or business that is interested in disaster planning for the area's high risk (vulnerable) populations. For more information and to register please visit the [Pierce County High Risk Population Disaster Planning Summit](#).

June 19th: Art is Not an Option! Art Show - will be held at Provail from 6pm-8pm. Come and help celebrate the work of the wonderful artists from over the past year! At the ANO art show, they will be exhibiting the magnificent masterpieces created in classes from over the past year, and lots of work will be on sale to help raise funds for the program going forward. There will be free food and drink, as well as live contributions from both the dance and poetry classes. For more information please visit the [Facebook Event Page for Art is Not an Option! Art Show](#).

June 21st: Paralympic Sports Day - will be held at the Rainier Beach Community Center from 9am-4pm. Join the Paralympic Movement! Learn about adaptive sports programs in your community; Have a hands-on experience; Meet others active in sports and recreation; Find resources to support your needs. Register early for a Free T-shirt and lunch. For more information and to register please visit [Paralympic Sports Day](#). The Access Fund will be at this event, come say hi!

June 26th: "Speed Bumps after DBS and How to Move Past Them" Sponsored by NWPF and hosted by EvergreenHealth & Virginia Mason, this patient education forum will feature ample time for YOUR questions from the doctors and programmers who work with DBS patients everyday! Come prepared to ask questions, share your experiences with other folks who have DBS. Boxed lunches will be provided. The agenda includes, The Role of the Movement Disorder Specialist in DBS, Important Considerations with DBS Surgery, DBS from a Medtronic Representative's

Perspective, and more. Questions? Call 206-946-6515 or 877-980-7500. For additional information and to rsvp please visit [Speed Bumps after DBS and How to Move Past Them](#).

July 2: Vision in iOS 7 and OS X Mavericks - will be held at 9:30am at the University Village Apple Store in Seattle. In this workshop, you'll learn about accessibility features in iOS 7 that help people who are blind or have low vision use iPad, iPhone, and iPad touch. Find out how VoiceOver, a revolutionary advanced screen reader, and features like Siri and dictation help you type, launch apps, send messages, read your calendar, and so much more.

Follow this link [to register](#).

July 3: Hearing in iOS 7 and OS X Mavericks - will be held at 9:30am at the University Village Apple Store in Seattle. Discover the many built-in accessibility features in iOS 7 and OS X Mavericks for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. From enjoying your favorite content with closed captioning to communicating in sign language with FaceTime, you'll see how easy it is to get the most out of your iPad, iPhone, or Mac.

Physical & Motor Skills with iOS 7 - will be held at 10:15am at the University Village Apple Store in Seattle. Come learn about the innovative technologies in iOS 7 that make the Multi-Touch screen easily accessible to people who find it hard to tap or use gestures. We'll show you features and shortcuts that let you do everything from control the device with your voice to adapt the screen controls to your unique needs.

Follow this link [to register](#).



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