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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.

Financial Resource Day is coming up!

On Saturday, March 22nd at the [Rainier Community Center](#) from 10am-3pm will be **Financial Resource Day**. This is a unique event that offers one-on-one help for many financial issues all in one location. More than 30 community partners will be in attendance (including the Access Fund, come say hi!) providing a wide array of free services to help people understand, manage and improve their financial situations. This event is brought to you by the [Financial Empowerment Network of Seattle-King County](#).



People who attend Financial Resource Day will receive help filing their tax returns, printing free credit reports and reviewing them, opening bank accounts, creating household budgets, developing plans to get out of debt, understanding options to foreclosure, applying for public benefits, such as child care, food stamps, and utility assistance, learning to write a resume or apply for a job online, starting or growing a business, shredding confidential documents, and more.

Free workshops throughout the day will cover credit reports; homeownership; dealing with debt collectors; money management, job readiness and employment resources; and applying to become a citizen.

All services are free, so don't miss out! Child care, interpretation and other accommodations are available, but people who need them are asked to send an email to info@skcabc.org.

To learn more about the event and what to bring visit:

- **Website:** www.skcabc.org/FinancialResourceDay
- **Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/SeattleFinancialResourceDay>
- **Twitter:** [@FRDSeattle](https://twitter.com/FRDSeattle) and #FRD2014

Client Spotlight

Meet Deanna Quillen! In 2006, after losing my peripheral vision and 7 subsequent eye operations caused by glaucoma and optical rosacea, I was deemed legally blind and unemployable. I moved to the Washington Peninsula from Portland, Oregon in hopes of adjusting to a less complicated lifestyle...



I now volunteer 4 days a week, 4.5 hours a day mentoring reading skills to first graders. I bring my desktop and skills to school every day to provide an extra computer for the children to take their Reading tests on. I take pictures with my iPad for the class newsletter. When in discussion of persons and places, I can look up the subject matter in large print in minutes and provide to the students additional information along with pictures, diagrams, etc. I have taken pictures of the students in assembly receiving awards, music programs, and plays and then posted for the children to see. I have pulled arts and craft projects off the internet to use as seasonal projects for the children to construct.

I now feel like an integral part of the school because I have the equipment to help me keep up with the demand of up-to-the-minute information to the children.

Because I have a Mac system, with iCloud, I am now saving for an iPhone to integrate with my current equipment. I hope to be able to create in large print with Siri voice grocery lists, things to do lists, and reminders that I can carry with me and revise on

the spot.

I could never have imagined to afford this equipment without the help of the Washington Access Fund's [IDA Program](#). It has inspired me to live more independently and efficiently and to give back to my community.

Advocates in Disability Award Program



The HSC Foundation's ADA Program is seeking the next generation of disability advocates! Young leaders with a disability are encouraged to apply for up to \$10,000 in funding.

The [Advocates in Disability Award](#) program awards and encourages a young adult with a disability between the ages of 14 and 26 who is dedicated to positively affecting the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families.

The program also supports an innovative project developed by the recipient to serve and empower individuals with disabilities.

Funded by both The HSC Foundation and the Sarah Beth Coyote Foundation, the selected recipient is awarded \$3,000 in recognition of his or her disability advocacy and will receive up to an additional \$7,000 in funding support for a project to benefit the disability community. Applicants must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States at the time of application submission and recipient selection.

The Advocates in Disability Award Program is part of The HSC Foundation's [National Youth Transitions Initiative](#). To apply, please review the guidelines and application at the following link: www.hscfoundation.org/2014ADA.php.

Applications must be received by **April 11, 2014**.

CS-Deaf and Hard of Hearing Resource Specialists



Christine Seymour and her team with CS-Deaf and Hard of Hearing Resources Specialists have been inspiring an inclusive world and providing valuable resources.

Check out the [latest newsletter](#) that has great articles on [troubleshooting hearing aids](#) and some excellent [upcoming classes](#) (including: Impact of Hearing Loss on Seniors and

Introduction to Assistive Listening Technology).

For more information and to join the email list, please visit: [CS-DHHS](#).

March Resources



- **Special Education Technology Center:** The [SETC](#) offers webinars on various software programs and devices, they are a great way to learn about the different programs! Here is one upcoming webinar (be sure to check out the website for more!).
- **March 19th:** [What is Assistive Technology? webinar](#)
- **March 20th:** [Adapted Books for AAC and Language webinar](#)
- **April 7th:** [iPad: Intro to AAC on the iPad webinar](#)

March 27th: Introduction to ARIA Webinar. Find out what Accessible Rich Internet Application (ARIA) is and how it is important to accessibility in web design. See demonstrations of the effect ARIA roles, particularly landmark roles, can have on the accessibility of your web pages. Learn how easy it is to add ARIA landmark roles to your code in both standard HTML pages and in WordPress themes. For more information and to register, please visit: [ADA National Network AT Webinar Series](#).

April 10th: Northwest Universal Design Council Meeting. Dr. Sheryl Burgstahler, UW College of Education, will present Universal Design: Applications in Education at the Northwest Universal Design Council quarterly meeting. Dr. Burgstahler founded and directs UW's DO-IT (Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology) and the Access Technology Centers. Her research focuses on evidence-based practices that support the successful transition of students with disabilities to college and careers and on the application of Universal Design to technology, learning activities, physical spaces, and student services in educational settings. For more information, visit the [NWUDC's Environments for All News & Events webpage](#).

Audio Description Service for upcoming performances in Seattle.

- **April 5th at 2pm:** Seattle Rep - The Suit. For tickets call (206) 443-2222.
- **April 6th at 1pm:** Paramount - The Lion King. For tickets call (877) 784-4849.
- **May 10th at 2pm:** Seattle Rep - Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? For tickets call (206) 443-2222.

The Audio Description Service is a project of [Arts and Visually Impaired Audiences](#) and is made possible with generous support from participating theaters, Jack Straw

Productions, the Seattle Office of Arts and Culture, 4Culture, the Washington State Arts Commission, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program: CAP has recorded a series of webinars to share the CAP training experience. The latest CAP Webinar was "Let's Talk Tech: for ALS and MS" which discusses the technical solutions that can accommodate people with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) in the workplace. For more information and to watch the webinar, please visit [CAP Webinars Online](#). To request a specific topic, please submit your suggestion by emailing cap.outreach@mail.mil.



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