Thurston/Mason County Developmental Disabilities Program administers Community Project Grant contracts with eight providers delivering services within a dozen programs. These contracts are in place from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014. These grants are funded by designated county property tax dollars that have been legislatively set aside (RCW 71.20.110) to benefit individuals with developmental disabilities.

The Arc of Washington State

People First (Thurston County Funding)

Phone: 360-357-5596
Fax: 360-357-3279
E-mail: info@arcwa.org
Website: www.arcwa.org

The ARC of WA offers a People First chapter in Thurston County. The mission of People First is to empower adults with developmental disabilities in Thurston County to become involved in their community and to impact the service system in ways that reflect their interests, needs, and values. People First is self-directed and defined by its members, with support from a part-time coordinator to assist with planning and scheduling meetings and recruiting new members. This self-advocacy group, for adults 18 and older with developmental disabilities, meets monthly. Quarterly newsletters are mailed to interested parties. Newsletters provide information on group meetings, projects, activities, events, resources, along with featured stories about the program.

Career Quest, LLP

Mason County Transition Program (Mason County Funding)
Representative Payee and Intensive Case Management Services (Mason County Funding)

Telephone: 360-427-7300
TDD: 360-833-6388
Fax: 360-427-7305
E-mail: cquest@hctc.com
Website: www.careerquest.biz

Career Quest provides direct service staff to work with school programs and secure work opportunities in the community for Mason County Transition students between the ages of 18 to 21 who reside in Mason County and have a developmental disability.
Career Quest also provides outreach and education to Mason County parents and teachers. Topics include navigating the adult service system, the use of social security work incentives, work place safety, vocational planning, vocational profiles, customized employment, maximizing school work experiences, futures planning, portfolio development, positive behavior support plans, and topics as requested.

Career Quest also provides Representative Payee and Intensive Case Management Services to Mason County residents, age 18 and older, with developmental disabilities. These services include payee services such as; incoming reporting to Social Security, money management, legal advocacy and case management services such as; helping individuals connect with chore services, food stamps, housing, and medical services.

This service assists individuals in the pursuit of higher levels of self-reliance and financial management independence. Referrals may come from employment providers, DDD Case managers, care providers, schools, counselors, financial institutions, Social Security Administration, as well as people with disabilities and their families.

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**Child Care Action Council**

**Inclusion and Support Program (Thurston and Mason County Funding)**

**Telephone:** 360-754-0845  
**Fax:** 360-786-8960  
**E-mail:** annie@ccacwa.org  
**Website:** www.ccacwa.org

The Child Care Action Council (CCAC) **Inclusion and Support Program** provides free training and on-site consultation to Thurston and Mason County licensed childcare providers to include children with developmental disabilities in their daycare programs. The CCAC also provides families with a resource and referral phone services to connect them with licensed childcare providers who are qualified and available to enroll children with developmental disabilities. Quarterly newsletters are sent to Thurston and Mason County childcare programs and include information about upcoming inclusion trainings, cohort meetings and general information about the inclusion of children with disabilities.

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**Marsha Zaritsky, MA, LMHC and Co-Therapist Nancy Murphy, MA, LMHC**

**Individual Counseling Services (Thurston County Funding)**  
**Sexual Assault Prevention Group (Thurston County Funding)**

**Telephone:** 360-786-8659

The services provided through this grant include **Individual Counseling Services** to Thurston County residents with developmental disabilities or to a family member of a Thurston County resident with a developmental disability. Priority is given to DDD eligible individuals who are not participating in the Home and Community Based Services Waiver Program. Services are at no cost to qualifying individuals. Frequent topics include issues involving: self-esteem, isolation, positive parenting skills, grief/loss, employment retention, effective communication tools, trauma, and personal safety skills. Referrals may
come from employment providers, DDD Case managers, care providers, schools, other counselors, as well as people with disabilities and their families.

The **Sexual Assault Prevention Group** is for adults with developmental disabilities who reside in Thurston County. The Group meets weekly to focus on increasing personal empowerment in one’s social and home life, to identify resources and strategies that increase safety, to increasing personal safety on public transportation, and increasing self-esteem.

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**Morningside**

**Thurston County High School Transition Program (Thurston County Funding)**

**Telephone:** 360-943-0512  
**TTY:** 360-754-5368  
**Fax:** 360-943-8466  
**E-mail:** mail@mside.org  
**Website:** www.morningsideservices.com

Morningside provides direct service staff to work with school programs and secure work opportunities in the community for **Thurston County Transition** Students between the ages of 18 to 21 who reside in Thurston County and have a developmental disability.

Morningside employment specialists also provide training and education to transition parents. Topics include navigating the adult service system, the use of social security work incentives, vocational planning, vocational profiles, customized employment, maximizing school work experiences, futures planning, portfolio development, or topics as requested.

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**Parent to Parent**

**Helping Parent Support Program (Thurston and Mason County Funding)**

**Telephone:** 360-352-1126  
**Fax:** 360-352-0761  
**E-mail:** ksmith@ssp2p.org  
**Website:** www.ssp2p.org

The **Helping Parent Program** provides staff that are knowledgeable about the practical aspects of disabilities and the many community resources available to meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities and their families. P2P’s telephone referral services provide information designed to facilitate education, emotional stability, advocacy, and practical information to the family members of children, students, and adults with developmental disabilities. Parent to Parent provides on-location crisis interventions to families who demonstrate a need for assistance. Caregiver recreational and social events take place on a regular basis. These events include mom’s spa day, picnics, parent coffees, support groups, sensory friendly movies, and Sibshops. The Parent Match Program connects parents with other parents whose children have a similar disability.
A transition resource group occurs every month in Thurston and Mason Counties. This group provides the resources and information of interest to parents and guardians of school age children with developmental disabilities. Topics include information about local residential providers, public transportation training programs, the use of Social Security Work Incentives, guardianship, vocational providers, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, IEP meetings, and the state Developmental Disabilities Administration.

### Protective Payee Services

**Thurston County Intensive Community Support Program (Thurston County Funding)**

**Telephone:** 360-352-3914  
**Fax:** 360-956-0409  
**E-mail:** propayee@aol.com

Protective Payee Services staff provides individualized [Intensive Community Support Services](#) to adults with developmental disabilities living in Thurston County. These services include payee services such as; incoming reporting to Social Security, money management, legal advocacy and case management services such as; helping individuals connect with chore services, food stamps, housing, and medical services.

Referrals may come from employment providers, DDD Case managers, care providers, schools, counselors, financial institutions, Social Security Administration, as well as people with disabilities and their families.

### Senior Services for South Sound

**Senior Inclusion Program (Thurston County Funding)**

**Telephone:** 360-586-6181  
**Fax:** 360-586-7408  
**E-mail:** inclusion@southsoundseniors.org  
**Website:** [www.southsoundseniors.org](http://www.southsoundseniors.org)

Senior Services for South Sound’s [Senior Services Inclusion Program](#) provides the added assistance and financial resources needed to routinely include seniors with developmental disabilities into the daily activities, volunteer opportunities and typical experiences that exist at the Olympia Senior Center. Typical activities include blood pressure checks, haircuts; senior lunch program; game days; clubs; health and nutrition workshops; musical performances; classes; social events/parties; lunch clubs; and day excursion trips.
2012-2013 State-Funded Contract Providers

Thurston/Mason County Developmental Disabilities Division administers state-funded contracts with six providers delivering Individual Supported Employment, Group Supported Employment, and/or Community Access Services. Current contracts began July 1, 2012 and end June 30, 2013. Funding is contracted to the County from the Washington State Division of Social and Health Services. The funding level is set by state Legislature, and some funding is federally matched. For detailed information about each contractor, you may access our guide entitled, “It’s Up to You!”.

Advantage Employment Partnerships (a division of EFI) offers:

*Individual Supported Employment and Community Access*

| Mailing: | PO Box 669  
|          | Shelton, Washington 98584 |
| Physical: | 2009 West Railroad Avenue  
|           | Shelton, Washington 98584 |
| Telephone: | 360-426-0077 |
| Fax: | 360-426-4989 |
| Email: | Debbie McHargue@Team-EFI.org |
| Website: | [www.exceptionalforesters.org](http://www.exceptionalforesters.org) |

Career Quest, LLP, offers:

*Community Access and Individual Supported Employment*

| Address: | 2026 Olympic Hwy N #201  
|          | Shelton, Washington 98584 |
| Telephone: | 360-427-7300 |
| TDD: | 360-833-6388 |
| Fax: | 360-427-7305 |
| E-mail: | cquest@hctc.com |
| Website: | [www.careerquest.biz](http://www.careerquest.biz) |

Community Resources offers:

*Community Access*

| Address: | 208 West Bay Drive  
|          | Olympia, Washington 98502 |
| Telephone: | 360-943-6257 |
| Fax: | 360-705-2338 |
Creative Employment/Morningside offers:

*Individual & Group Supported Employment*

**Mailing:** PO Box 7936  
Olympia, Washington 98507-7936  

**Physical:** 809 Legion Way  
Olympia, Washington 98501  

**Telephone:** 360-943-0512  
**TTY:** 360-754-5368  
**Fax:** 360-943-8466  
**E-mail:** mail@mside.org  
**Website:** www.morningsideservices.com

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Employment Solutions Plus offers:

*Individual Supported Employment and Community Access*

**Mailing:** PO Box 5558  
Lacey, Washington 98509-5558  

**Physical:** 720 Sleater-Kinney Road SE  
Lacey, Washington 98503  

**Telephone:** 360-923-2204  
**Fax:** 360-923-0807  
**E-mail:** dawnp@esplus-llc.com

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