



Partner Information

The Alliance for Youth of Pierce County:

The Alliance for Youth of Pierce County is a community movement providing resources young people need to grow into adults of competence and character. As a network of community governments, community coalitions, schools, nonprofits, service groups, and faith communities, we ensure the basic needs of all young people are met and they get the support they need to succeed in school and life.

E-mail: info@aypc.org

A Step Ahead in Pierce County:

A Step Ahead in Pierce County supports families of infants and toddlers with special needs. Offers home visits and peer groups to Pierce County children aged birth to three with developmental delays or who are in foster care. Enhances child development and relationships, both at home and in their community.

Call: (253) 471-2727

www.asapc.org

Bates Technical College Home & Family Life Department:

Bates Technical College Home & Family Life Department serves child care centers, cooperative preschools, parenting, and childbirth programs. Provides resource center for parents and caregivers who want to make sure the children in their care are ready to succeed when they start school.

Call: (253) 680-7500

www.bates.ctc.edu/homefamily/

Bethel School District Early Childhood

Bethel School District Early Childhood works in partnership with families and the community to enhance the abilities and skills of the whole child, including social, physical, intellectual, communication, and emotional development. We believe:

- All children are capable of learning and have individual needs, skills, and talents.
- Children learn best in a setting that reflects the diversity of the community.
- Children learn best as active participants in co-operative, play-based experiences.
- Children learn best through experiences that enhance their self-esteem, help them make choices, and develop competencies.
- Children learn best using a unified, developmentally appropriate curriculum, utilizing child-centered teaching practices and support services.

www.bethelsd.org/parents/early_childhood

Boys and Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound:

Boys & Girls Clubs of America has a lineup of proven and nationally-recognized programs that address today's most pressing youth issues, teaching young people the skills they need to succeed in life. More than 25 national programs are available in the areas of education, the environment, health, the arts, careers, alcohol/drug and pregnancy prevention, gang prevention, leadership development, and athletics.

<http://www.bg-clubs.com/index.htm>

ChildReach:

ChildReach, a program of Pierce County Community Services, provides free screening for children age birth to 36 months at a variety of convenient community locations. Screenings provided for language, learning, behavior, and motor development. Parents receive information and resources, such as developmental activities and community resources. Referral and follow-up provided.

Call: (253) 798-3822 or (253) 798-3698

www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/Abtus/ourorg/comsvcs/CoAction/html/chreach.htm

Children's Home Society

Children's Home Society provides a variety of services for children and families across the state. Services include adoption, mental health services, reunification, early learning (Early Head Start, Head Start, Parents as Teacher, court-based drop-in child care), family support services, Family Support Centers, out of home care, and advocacy.

Call: (253) 850-2584

www.childrenshomesociety.org

Children's Museum of Tacoma:

The Children's Museum of Tacoma's exhibits and programs celebrate the power and importance of play in a child's healthy development. A visit to the Children's Museum of Tacoma transports you and your child to a world of imaginative play and creative discovery. Come connect with your child through play at the Children's Museum of Tacoma's free, neighborhood-based program, Play to Learn, at eight locations throughout Pierce County weekly.

Call: (253) 627-6031

www.ChildrensMuseumofTacoma.org

Clover Park Technical College:

Clover Park Technical College offers certificate and degree programs in Early Care and Education. Certificate programs include: Leadership, School Age, Foundation, Green Program, Sustaining a Green Program, and Early Care and Education Specialist. Evening classes available. Hayes Child Development Center, located on the Clover Park Technical College Campus, is a NAEYC-accredited program.

Call: (253) 589-5574

www.cptc.edu

Washington State Department of Early Learning:

Washington State Department of Early Learning oversees child care licensing and monitoring to help ensure safe, healthy, nurturing places for children. Manages the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program for low-income 3- and 4-year-olds and their families. Shares information and resources with parents and supports training opportunities for child care providers. Handles child care subsidies to low-income families while they work, look for work, or train in connection with the Department of Social and Health Services.

Call: (253) 983-6413

www.del.wa.gov

Ft. Lewis Child and Youth Services:

Fort Lewis provides quality child and youth development options through Child, Youth, and School Services (CYSS). It is a network of systems and programs reducing the conflict between parental responsibilities and unit mission requirements. CYSS includes full-day, part-day, and hourly child care programs; before- and after-school care programs; middle and teen programs; family child care; team sports and outreach sports programs; and resource and referral for on- and off-post.

Call: (253) 967-3056

<http://www.fortlewismwr.com/CYS.htm>

Franklin Pierce Schools:

Franklin Pierce Schools promotes kindergarten readiness, which includes social, physical, emotional, and pre-academic skills. Programs, educational tools, and resources for children aged birth to five and their parents include free "READY! for Kindergarten" classes for parents of 3-year-old children, free Head Start program for 3- and 4-year-old low-income children, and free screening for all 3- to 5-year-old children living within the district. A team of specialists, including a school psychologist, a speech-language pathologist, an occupational therapist, and an educational specialist, screens young children in coordination, behavior, speech/language skills, hearing, and school readiness skills.

Call: (253) 298-3000

www.fpschools.org

HopeSparks:

HopeSparks provides counseling and educational services to address issues including: abuse, divorce/anger management, depression, early childhood development, and marriage crisis. The mission of HopeSparks, a nonprofit, human service agency located in Pierce County, is to strengthen families by inspiring courage and confidence to make lasting change.

Call: (253) 565.4484

<http://www.hopesparks.org/>

KBTC Public Television:

KBTC Public Television provides Pierce County parents, teachers, and caregivers with PBS resources that help children develop a lifelong love of learning. Builds and promotes

partnerships with community organizations, childcare networks, schools, libraries, and government agencies while also:

- Broadcasting 9.5 hours of children's educational programming each weekday.
- Delivering parent educational messages between programs.
- Developing and presenting workshops and events to help parents, teachers, and caregivers use television as a positive force in children's lives.
- Advocating for and raising awareness of early care and education issues.

Call: (253) 680-7700

www.kbtc.org

Kids at Hope:

Kids at Hope creates a positive culture through strategies, activities, and trainings that engage all youth workers, educators, and parents. Research shows that kids will succeed if they are surrounded by adults who believe in them, if they have meaningful relationships with caring adults, and if they can articulate their future beyond just a job and career. This ability is called hope!

Call: (253) 502-4659

www.kidsathope.org/

Lindquist Dental Clinic for Children:

Lindquist Dental Clinic for Children provides accessible, compassionate, and effective dental care, and oral health education to South Sound children in need (ages 0-18). Payment is flexible. Accepts DSHS, TriCare (with *no* out-of-pocket co-pay), and private insurance. Sliding fee scale available for uninsured. No child turned away due to inability to pay.

Call: (253) 539-7445 (Parkland) or (253) 853-2002 (Gig Harbor)

www.lindquistdental.org

Metro Parks Foundation:

The Greater Metro Parks Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes financial support to enhance parks and recreation programs and capital projects for Tacoma neighborhoods. The Metro Parks Tacoma Resource Development Office and the Greater Metro Parks Foundation work together to meet the funding needs of Metro Parks Tacoma. They raise funds for youth sports, arts and culture, scholarships, special events, parks community services and conservation, and the Zinna Linnick Project at Wright and McCarver Parks.

Call: (253) 305-1066

<http://www.metroparksfoundation.org/about-us>

Metropolitan Development Council:

The Metropolitan Development Council (MDC) is a nonprofit Community Action Partnership. MDC offers services in over 40 programs through education, family services, drug and alcohol treatment, housing, homeless services, prevention, and economic and career development. Provides individualized help to clients who need assistance in more than one area of their lives.

Efficient communication, referral, and case management services ensure clients receive the most comprehensive and effective care.

Call: (253) 383-3921

<http://www.mdc-tacoma.org/>

Parent First:

In the future, Parent First will provide comprehensive, community-wide parenting skills training in three modules. The Neighborhood Module is guided by an on-site counselor, with peer mentoring. The School Module is formal parenting instruction beginning in grade 5 and leading to a Certification of Parenting Competence. The Centers of Higher Education Module is offered through universities and community colleges, which prepare parent competency coursework leading to certification a parenting coach.

Call: (253) 588-9810

Pierce County Association for the Education of Young Children:

Pierce County Association for the Education of Young Children is the professional organization promoting professional standards in every area of the early childhood education field, including ethics, developmentally appropriate practices for young children, and professional development.

www.pcaeyc.org

Pierce College

Pierce College District 11 is two community colleges and an extended learning program. Programs include:

- Transfer courses parallel to the first two years of university and four-year college work
- Vocational degree and certificate programs in a variety of job fields
- Developmental, basic skills and high school completion courses
- Personal and professional development through continuing education courses
- Traditional and nontraditional learning opportunities

Call: (253) 964-6500 (Pierce College Fort Steilacoom), (253) 840-8400 (Pierce College Puyallup), or (253) 912-3602 (Pierce College Extended Learning

<http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/>

Pierce County Human Services:

The Pierce County Human Services Department manages the County's aging and long-term care, mental health, developmental disabilities, and chemical dependency services. The department develops comprehensive plans, operates and monitors programs, and helps community agencies.

Call: (253)798-7202 or 1(800) 642-5769

<http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/humsvcs/humsvcs.htm>

Pierce County Library System:

Pierce County Library System supplies rich resources, like free books, music, DVDs, and magazines for parents and caregivers. Knowledgeable librarians and staff help families find what they are looking for. Children and families get free programs year-around. Child care centers and family child care homes get free STARS classes and book delivery.

Call: (253) 536-6500

www.piercecountylibrary.org

Puget Sound Educational Services District:

Puget Sound Educational Services District develops and delivers a wide selection of services for ages birth through 21. These include helping schools and serving students and families directly. Sometimes services are free. Types of services offered to children and those who care for them: infant and preschool programs; comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and social services; involvement and job readiness opportunities for parents; training and support for the child care community; programs for students with special needs; services for children with vision issues, hearing loss, and deaf-blindness.

Call: (253) 778-7800

www.psesd.org

Puyallup Public Library:

Puyallup Public Library offers free story times for young children and free programs for all ages throughout the year. Lots of books, movies, music, puppets, and much more available for check-out.

www.puyalluplibrary.org

Puyallup Tribe of Indians:

The Puyallup Indians have lived along the shores of Puget Sound for thousands of years. Tribal members play vital roles in many aspects of life in the Puget Sound region. The Puyallup Tribe's Birth to Six Program promotes the development of healthy children in our community by strengthening the critical roles of parents, families, and professionals by giving all of our children the best possible start in life. Birth to Six provides child development screening, culturally-relevant family resource coordination, information and referral, and direct early intervention services. Those eligible are Indian children between birth to five years of age, who are enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe. Families must reside within the service area of the Puyallup Tribe.

Call: (253)572-6061

<http://www.puyallup-tribe.com/>

The Tacoma City Association of Colored Women's Clubs

The Tacoma City Association of Colored Women's Clubs promotes and improves the education, health, and cultural awareness of all citizens, so that lives and relationships are improved and the quality of the community is enhanced. In spite of the name, the Association is not restricted to any racial or ethnic group. McCarver Moms, a program of the Tacoma City Association of

Colored Women's Clubs, focuses on parenting classes, parent support and mentoring, conflict resolution and interpersonal life-skills, community resource information, social service referrals, tutoring, and educational play for children.

Call: (253) 627 9777

www.Tacomacwc.org

Tacoma Community College:

Tacoma Community College offers more than 40 study areas and 60 professional and technical degrees and certificates to choose from. Smaller class sizes. Certificates and degrees in early care and education. Online courses for child care providers. Annette B. Weyerhaeuser Early Learning Center is committed to high quality care for its young students.

Call: (253) 566-5001 (South Tacoma Campus) or (253) 460-2424 (Gig Harbor Campus)

<http://www.tacomacc.edu/>

Tacoma Housing Authority:

Tacoma Housing Authority provides high-quality housing and supportive services to needy people and families with a view toward creating strong, safe, vibrant, prosperous, attractive, and just communities. Tacoma Housing Authority is also involved in supportive services for people who need help to succeed, not only as tenants, but as parents, students, and wage earners.

www.tacomahousing.org

Tacoma Learning Center (HopeSparks):

Tacoma Learning Center is a HopeSparks program dedicated to providing inclusive family-centered education programs and therapy to infants and young children. Offers in-home specialized teaching for children with developmental delays, on-site play groups, and parent education.

Call: (253) 565-4887

www.hopesparks.org

Tacoma-Pierce County Child Care Resource & Referral (City of Tacoma):

Tacoma-Pierce County Child Care Resource & Referral gives free telephone and on-line referrals of licensed child care. Also available: information on how to choose quality care and general information about child care in Pierce County. Professional development and on-site help given to licensed child care providers.

Call: (253) 591-2025 or 1-888-370-6133

www.cityoftacoma.org/childcare

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department:

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department enhances personal and community health by controlling contagious diseases, protecting drinking water and food supplies, preventing illness

and death caused by behavior choices, dealing with public health emergencies and natural disasters, and also strengthening families. Family Support Centers located in almost every area of Pierce County. Each Family Support Center helps families learn about: healthy pregnancy, how young children grow, how to help a child learn, and parenting skills. Family Support Centers also help families find resources for food, clothing, and housing.

Call: (253) 798-6543
<http://www.tpchd.org/index.php>

Tacoma Public Schools:

Tacoma Public Schools offers many free preschool options for qualifying families including Head Start, ECEAP, Title I preschool, Montessori preschool, and Special Education preschool. Several Special Education preschools, as well as Montessori preschool at Bryant Elementary, provide preschool for a fee. Free full-day kindergarten provided at all schools.

Call: (253) 571-1870
www.tacomaschools.org

United Way of Pierce County:

United Way of Pierce County believes education, income, and health are the foundation for a good life. It is resolving these critical issues and providing a safety net of services of those in crisis. United Way provides the community ways to Give, Advocate, and Volunteer and to LIVE UNITED by working together to build lasting opportunities for a good life for all in our community.

Call: (253) 272-4263
www.uwpc.org

Washington Scholarships for Child Care Professionals:

Washington Scholarships for Child Care Professionals, a program of the WA State Child Care Resource & Referral Network, is a statewide program providing scholarships to licensed child care center staff and family child care providers. Covers between 75-90% of the scholar's expenses. Scholars and sponsoring centers cover remaining costs. Incentives, such as travel stipend and bonus, available.

Call: 1-866-308-3224
www.childcarenet.org
E-mail: scholarships@childcarenet.org

YMCA of Pierce & Kitsap Counties:
<http://www.ymcapk.org/>