



Helping People with disabilities since 1965

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## Help Protect Them!!

This is absolutely vital

A number of the people whom we support through the vocational program are funded with money that is not matched with any Federal dollars. People funded with money that only comes from the state are at risk of losing their services—especially when there is a \$6 billion dollar hole in the state budget.

Residential services for the most part are funded through a mix of Federal and state funds. Vocational services are not. 44% of the people served vocationally are funded with state only dollars (40 people). 39% of the money received for Vocational Services is for people funded through state only dollars.

Statewide, there are 6000 adults with developmental disabilities who have jobs. Of these 6000 adults, 2,200 are funded by state-only dollars with an additional 312 individuals that are actively seeking employment funded by state-only dollars. WA State invests over \$28 Million per biennium in employment services for these 2,512 adults with developmental disabilities. The participants in these employment programs will earn over \$38 Million in wages in the next biennium.

### Service could be cut for over 2,512 adults with developmental disabilities:

- ✓ Many of the 6,000 people with developmental disabilities who are working in Washington have their needed support services protected by the (Medicaid Home and Community Based) Waiver. The 2,512 individuals with state-only (non-waiver) funding are vulnerable to service cuts, leaving 2,200 also at risk of job loss.
- ✓ People with disabilities in Supported Employment are proud, taxpaying, benefits-earning, productive and contributing members of our state's workforce. A great many of these workers have been part of the workforce, with the help of state-funded support, for over 15 years.
- ✓ Most of the 2,200 workers will risk losing their jobs without the needed support services.
- ✓ Money already invested in developing these jobs, training the employee and their co-workers, and the years of subsequent support provided will be lost.
- ✓ Many of these people own or rent their own homes and apartments, and a loss of income could place their housing situations in jeopardy.
- ✓ The Washington employment service system, that leads the nation in effectiveness, faces decimation. A system of support, along with its network of employers, which took over 25 years to build, could be undermined this legislative session.
- ✓ The organizations that developed these Supported Employment services face significant funding cuts (some as much as 50%-75%). This could result in a critical loss of trained, experienced and committed personnel that would take years to rebuild.
- ✓ Commitments made to employers... that support would be available for the tenure of these workers' employment, would be broken if critical funding is cut. The commitment of partnership and goodwill built with the employer community over many years is at risk.

### There is a solution!!

#### Save money AND assure that individuals receive these essential services:

- ✓ Placing this group of 2,200 individuals on the Basic Home and Community Based services waiver will allow the state to capture a 50.94% federal match in 2009.
- AND
- ✓ The overall savings the state captures with this strategy is approximately \$4 Million per year and \$8 Million for the biennium.

#### Action Steps

#### Contact the Governor's Office

<http://www.governor.wa.gov/budget.asp>

Let her know what you think about this issue. Share the information above!

#### Contact our Legislators

If you would like to receive more information, please let me know. [bruce@elmview.org](mailto:bruce@elmview.org) Thank You!

**Thank you for your dedication!**  
Staff December Anniversaries



**21 years**

Loretta Lane

**6 years**

Brewster Tollie

**4 years**

Becky Inge  
Rosa Vasquez



**2 year**

Rick Rangel  
Barbara Maggs

**1 year**

Melinda Rabie  
Dewayne Carl  
Sally Deleon

**December Birthdays**

12/2	Sheena	Chaney	12/19	Kay	Philp
12/4	Leigh	Cutcomb	12/21	Janet	Christ
12/13	Krista	Barge	12/24	Amanda	Perea
12/17	William	Campbell	12/25	Danell	Brush
12/18	Scott	Mayberry	12/29	Rochelle	Sitton



**Oh come  
all ye shoppers!**



**WHAT: A Christmas Sale**

Deb Foster will have a wide array of her  
**Holiday Art Cards**

Andy Rubottom will be showing/selling  
**his beautiful Photography**

Teresa Rodriguez will have **Crocheted  
and knitted items. She will also be taking  
orders for Christmas.**

**WHEN: Tues. Dec. 2nd 11am-2pm**

**WHERE: Elmview Residential Office  
204 E. 6TH Ellensburg**

**Cash and checks only.**



**Timesheets  
are Due by 9 am  
Friday & Monday  
12/8 & 12/22**

**1st Aid & CPR Training**



Every month  
1st Wednesday 9am  
3rd Wednesday 1pm



**Costume winners**



Sexiest Costume-  
Carolyn Burt as Elvis

Most original Costume-  
Duane Rhodes as a Giant Pumpkin

Scariest Costume-  
Howard Hitchcock with his guts hanging out

Funniest Costume-  
Joann Savage as a Banana

Best Overall Costume-  
Margie Leitz as a Ghoul

It seems a good time was had by all at  
the Halloween party!!!



**Right Response Training # 006**

**Ellensburg Residential Office**

**December 11 9am-5pm**

**December 12 9am-1pm**

**Yakima Residential Office**

**December 15 9am – 5pm**

**December 16 9am – 1pm**

**What is the right response?**

The Right Response is a workshop that provides caregivers tools to strengthen the therapeutic relationship with clients. Caregivers will learn how their attitudes and behaviors impact the lives of the individuals they work with. The awareness learned in this training will lead caregivers into positive work environment based on respect and dignity for everyone involved. This workshop emphasizes prevention of escalating behaviors, and strategies for deescalating behaviors in challenging situations. Also, caregivers will learn techniques to protect themselves and their clients when escalating behaviors arise.

Sign up with Cathy at the front desk of the Ellensburg residential office or call 509-925-6688.