GET CONNECTED FOR THE SUMMER

If you haven’t had the time or opportunity to locate summer activities for your son or daughter, below are a list of options and avenues to explore.

Some require more planning than others, but not all. Don’t rule out events that are for the whole community. There are lots of activities and events that everyone can enjoy.

Sometimes, showing up helps open doors for others with similar accessibility and accommodation needs.

Community Centers and YMCA
Craft classes, yoga, cooking, music, swimming, arts, and special events are often low cost and easy to join.

Libraries
Not only do libraries host free events and story times, but they are a great resource for finding out what else is going on in the community.

Local Parks and Recreation
City and county recreation programs provide inclusive opportunities for children and adults of all abilities, as well as specialized programs. Check your local paper or community notices for times and locations.

Outdoors for All (located in Seattle)
Adaptive and therapeutic recreation for children and adults with disabilities. outdoorsforall.org

Parent Map
Events for children & families in the Puget Sound region. parentmap.com

Service Organizations
Non-profit community groups, such as Elks Club, Lions Club, Kiwanis, Easter Seals, as well as many faith organizations, have programs and activities to benefit children and adults with disabilities.

Summer Camp
The Arc of Washington partnered with Parent to Parent has a statewide directory of camps. https://arcwa.org/parent-to-parent/info-resources/camp-resources/

Trips, Inc.
All inclusive vacation packages for individuals age 18 and older. tripsinc.com

“Summer can be an isolating time because we no longer have school to anchor us to the community. It can feel like we’re all of a sudden left on our own and are solely responsible for the care of our (not so easy) children. It’s so important for both parents and kids to stay connected over the summer. Check local community calendars for meetups and other social opportunities. They’re out there!”

Rachel Nemhauser
Parent to Parent, The Arc of King Co.

Parent Groups
One of the best ways to find out what’s available in your area is to connect with other parents and families.

Autism Society: autismsocietyofwa.org
Local Arcs: https://arcwa.org/connections/chapters/
Fathers Network: fathersnetwork.org
Parent to Parent: https://arcwa.org/parent-to-parent/