

### Serving Individuals:

- *Adults 18 and Older*
- *Primary areas of service:  
Seattle and South King  
County*
- *Eligible for enrollment with  
Division of Developmental  
Disabilities—DSHS*

### Connection to Organizations

- *Meet new people*
- *Expand knowledge and  
resources about inclusion*
- *Celebrate diversity within our  
community*

### Networking with Professionals

- *Benefits of team work*
- *Expanding skill sets*
- *Collaborating toward a  
positive future*

### *Our Mission*

*“ Our world will be a better place when  
all people are treated with dignity and  
respect, have access to similar  
opportunities in life and enjoy the same  
rights and privileges.”*



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**Relationships,  
Connections and  
Opportunities**

## **Community Guides**

*Connecting Adults with  
Developmental Disabilities  
With Community*



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## Community Guide Services

***Listen to individuals***

***Access resources***

***Develop connections in the community***

***Work in partnerships***

***Support relationships***

***Celebrate friendships and new opportunities***



## Approaches to Developing Resources

- ❖ Develop relationships with community organizations
- ❖ Network to build alliances
- ❖ Collaborate to expand resources
- ❖ Identify person's interests and connect to related groups
- ❖ Explore community opportunities and groups to find new interests
- ❖ Cultivate individual relationships within organizations

## Relationships

Community Guides believes that shared interests are a powerful foundation for building relationships. Community Guides helps make connections based on common interests

### How we Learn about Interests, Abilities and Goals:

- ❖ Spending time with you
- ❖ Exploring opportunities
- ❖ Trying new activities
- ❖ Learn from you



## Important Things to Know

- ❖ We spend the time it takes for all parties to be comfortable with any new situation or relationship
- ❖ No formal referral is necessary to initiate Community Guide resources
- ❖ There is no direct charge to any individual or group for our resources. Division of Developmental Disabilities / DSHS provides funding for our services through our contract.

## A Commitment to Opportunity

We are committed to help identify and cultivate opportunities for people to contribute, participate and learn with others who share the same joys and passions in life.



## Potential Connections

**Volunteer**  
**Be a Member**  
**Take Classes**  
**Participate**  
**Find Resources**

## Our Hopes

- ❖ Meaningful Community Involvement
- ❖ Relationships
- ❖ Increased skill for accessing opportunities and resources
- ❖ Useful information to navigate agencies and resource processes

*Connecting with your Vision*