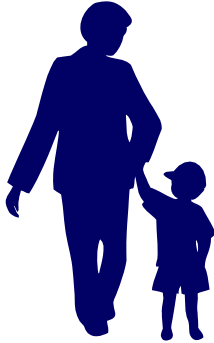


HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SPCPC

The Parent Coalition provides monthly informational mailings at no cost to families and professionals in Spokane County through a grant from Spokane County Community Services. There is no cost to join, just call or e-mail to begin receiving information.



We encourage and provide opportunities for our members to become involved at a level that is comfortable for them.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world, Indeed it is the only thing that ever has" - **Margaret Mead**



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Spokane County Parent Coalition

What is the Parent Coalition?

The Spokane County Parent Coalition offers information, education, resources and advocacy to families who have sons and daughters with developmental disabilities. A major goal of the Parent Coalition is to provide accurate information about:

- Services and supports available in our local community and state.
- Issues families face such as education, health, housing, transportation.
- Local parent support groups, meetings, conferences, workshops.
- Current local, statewide and federal legislative issues that impact the lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families.
- How to become involved in the legislative process.



“Disability is a natural part of the human experience that in no way diminishes a person’s right to fully participate in all aspects of American life”

- Bobby Silverstein

Other activities of the Parent Coalition include:

- Identifying concerns of people with disabilities and their families in Spokane County.
- Advocating for the collective concerns of families.
- Providing a local contact for additional information.
- Organizing presentations or workshops on issues vital to families.
- Presenting a family perspective on policy issues.
- Providing a Family Scholarship Fund available to parents.

The Coordinator of the Parent Coalition is the parent of a son/daughter with developmental disabilities. The staff gathers information from a variety of sources and distributes it to families in monthly mailings.

The SCPC was established in 1998 and is a family driven organization. The SCPC is part of the Advocacy & Family Support programs at The Arc of Spokane. We receive funding from Spokane County Community Services.



What can the Parent Coalition do for you?

- Provide accurate, up to date information about resources available to people with developmental disabilities and their families.
- Identify and develop needed resources for families in our community where none currently exist.
- Develop understanding and respect for people with developmental disabilities in our local community.
- Ensure parent input is included in policy level decisions that affect people with disabilities and their families.
- Increase awareness of families and encourage them to become involved at a level that is comfortable for them.
- Encourage and develop parent participation and leadership.
- Utilize the power and expertise of families in our community.

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