



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
PO Box 45600, Olympia, Washington 98504-5600

April 9, 2018

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FOCUS GROUP REGARDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

As a part of Washington States continuing effort to transform lives and increase the community-based services available to individuals with behavioral challenges and personal care needs, both Residential Care Services (RCS) and Home and Community Services (HCS) are creating programs that will offer support and services to providers interested in helping these individuals transition back into their own community.

To maximize resources, RCS and HCS staff would like to meet with providers, present information regarding the teams we have created, and determine what you would find most helpful or useful when working with individuals with behavioral challenges and personal care needs. We would also like to know what resources would encourage a provider to consider taking a client with behavioral health needs.

If you are interested in learning more, or would like to give us input regarding supports and services you would find most helpful, we would love to see you at one of the following focus groups:

April 23, 2018	3:00 – 5:00 pm	Smokey Point	3906 172 nd St. NE Community Room Arlington, WA 98223
April 24, 2018	3:00 – 5:00 pm	Kent	20425 72 nd Ave S, Suite 400 Kent, WA 98032
May 4, 2018	3:00 – 5:00 pm	Spokane	1330 N Washington Bldg #3 Suite 3000 Spokane, WA 99201 (Please sign in at front desk in Suite 3000 to receive a guest badge)
May 7, 2018	3:00 – 5:00 pm	Tumwater	6639 Capital Blvd SW, Tumwater, WA 98501 (3rd Floor)
May 11, 2018	3:00 – 5:00 pm	Vancouver	DSHS Vancouver East Complex All Staff Conference Room 800 NE 136th Avenue Vancouver WA 98684 (Please check in downstairs)
May 14, 2018	2:30 – 4:30 pm	Yakima/Selah	Dept. of Transportation 900 E. Selah Road, Selah, WA 98942

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We are very excited for the opportunity to offer supports and services that will assure success for both providers and clients as we work to transition individuals with behavioral challenges and personal care needs back into community settings. We look forward to meeting with each of you to gather the information that will help in this success!

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you are unable to attend the meetings but would like to offer suggestions or input, please feel free to contact Penny Rarick, Behavioral Health Policy Manager, raricpp@dshs.wa.gov, (360)725-3210.

Sincerely,



Candace Goehring, Director
Residential Care Services

"Transforming Lives"