

2022 WA STATE FATHERS NETWORK IN-PERSON GATHERING

Date & Time: Saturday, July 30 9AM-3:30PM

Location: Bellevue School District Wilburton Instructional Service Center, Bellevue, WA

Who should attend: Men who have a child with a disability or special health care need in their life.

Cost: \$25 per person*

(*Special funding arrangements make it possible for registrants from the following counties to register at no cost: King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Island. Information on these promo codes can be found on the registration site.)

Keynote by Gene Boes: President and CEO of Northwest Center

Gene and his wife June are parents of two adult children: son Andrew and daughter Tori. Tori, who has autism, is also a client of Northwest Center Employment Services. During his keynote Gene will discuss his experience as a dad, his perspective on the importance of employment for people with disabilities and the work that Northwest Center does to make that a reality.

Gene joined Northwest Center as CEO in 2017, after serving on the Northwest Center Board of Directors for three years. Previously, Boes was a management consultant serving as Principal for the Seattle office of the North Highland Company. In addition to his consulting duties, Gene also served as an Adjunct Professor at Seattle Pacific University and Seattle University, and is a Mentor for the Albers School of Business. Prior to joining North Highland, he was Managing Director at Loft9 Consulting, a Bellevue-based Management Consulting Firm. His career also includes nearly 14 years at Microsoft, two years with Deloitte Consulting, and nine years serving in the US Navy.

Focus of this Gathering: Because of the pandemic, we haven't been able to meet for two years. So, our focus will be on reconnecting, welcoming new members, and spending time together.

Agenda items include:

- Built in time to meet and mingle
- The always popular dads panel
- Legislative update from Stacy Dym, Executive Director of the Arc of Washington
- Advocating Through Story presented by Fathers Network member Jeremy Kredlo
- Lunch - Will be provided
- An open mic session to share resources and brag about our children
- Keynote message
- Tribute to James May, the original Fathers Network Director, friend, mentor, and recently deceased

[Click here](#) for photos of the 2019 conference (the last gathering before the pandemic)

For questions, contact Louis.Mendoza@Kinding.Org

COVID Screening: All attendees must verbally report that they are vaccinated or have received a negative test in the last 48 hours. If an attendee is unvaccinated or forgot to take a test prior to the event, an antigen test will be provided onsite. Wearing a mask is encouraged but not required.

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