



Shoreline Special Education PTSA

Past Topics & Speakers

2013-2014

October 16, 2013 - Kickoff Celebration

Speaker: Elizabeth Caldwell, attorney

Organization: US Department of Education

February 6, 2014

Speaker: Lori Lynass

Organization: NW PBIS Network (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)

Topic: PBIS

April 17, 2014

Speaker: Stacey Gillett, Director

Organization: Office of the Education Ombudsman (OEO)

Topic: Family and Student Rights under IDEA/504

2014-2015

November 6, 2014

Speakers: Sen. David Frockt & Rep. Ruth Kagi, Joe Cunningham

Organizations: Government (David & Ruth), Arc of King County (Joe)

Topic: Legislative Update & How can parents be involved in legislative advocacy?

2015-2016

September 21, 2015

Speaker: Rose Spidell

Organization: Office of the Education Ombuds

Topic: OEO services and key information for families

November 4, 2015

Speakers: Melanie Streight, Rebecca Wong, and Josee Perez
Organization: King County Mental Health Wrap-Around Program
Topic: Overview of program

January 13, 2016

Speaker: Amy Huntley
Organization: Washington Autism Advocacy & Alliance
Topic: Items to know about leveraging insurance benefits for treatment of autism and other developmental disabilities

April 13, 2016

Speaker: Catherine Stafford
Topic: Nurtured Heart Approach to identify the positives in your child

May 18, 2016

Speakers: Cathy Murashi, Maryam Jafari, and Beth Ann Crispin
Organization: Arc of King County (Cathy) & Seattle Children's Center for Children with Special Needs (Maryam & Beth Ann)
Topic: Organizing special education and medical records

2016-2017**September 20, 2016**

Speaker: Brian Schultz, Assist. Superintendent and Anzara Miller, Director of Teacher Professional Practice & Evaluation
Organization: Shoreline School District
Topic: Instructional Program Planning Committee

November 15, 2016

Speaker: Robin Tatsuda
Organization: Arc of King County
Topic: Services and Eligibility process through DDA can be overwhelming

March 23, 2017

Speakers: Panel, moderated by Scott Irwin
Organization: Shoreline School District Staff
Topic: What to expect in middle school, high school, and beyond

2017-2018

October 4, 2017

Speakers: Ananda Scott and Jennifer Carter

Organization: Shoreline Inclusive Education Partnership

Topic: Inclusion

November 14, 2017

Speaker: Nancy Chamberlin, Washington State PTA Legislative Director

Organization: Washington State PTA

Topic: Legislative Assembly & how members can vote

January 24, 2018

Speakers; Rosemary White, OTR & Alek Adams, MA MHP LMFTA

Topic: Child-Caregiver Relationships - An Interdisciplinary Presentation

April 11, 2018

Anxiety Forum

2018-2019

November 14, 2018

Speaker: Rachel Nemhauser

Organization: Arc of King County

Topic: Ten Tips for Advocating for Your Child

January 22, 2019

Speaker: Becky Reitzes

Topic: Let's Get Talking - to our Kids about Sex

March 19, 2019

Speaker: Sue Anne Lemkin

Organization: Shoreline Community College, Community Employment

Topic: It's Never Too Early to Start Planning for Life After High School Graduation

2019-2020

November 7, 2019

Speaker: Rose Spidell

Organization: Office of Education Ombuds

Topic: What OEO does

January 16, 2020

Speakers: Kirsten Bannister, Ananda Scott, Scott Irwin, Shoreline Teachers & Student

Organizations: SSNPTA (Kirsten & Ananda), Shoreline School District (Scott)

Topic: Student-led IEPs

2020-2021

November 30, 2020

Speakers: Rachel Nemhauser and Kaley Duggar

Organization: Arc of King County

Topic: Special Education During Covid-19: Ten Tips for Advocating for Your Child

January 28, 2021

Speakers: Rosemary White and Alek Adams

Topic: Addressing your Child's OT & Mental Health Needs During Remote Learning

February 24, 2021

Speaker: Nicole Bain

Topic: Conversations around discipline, behavior, neurodiversity, and restorative justice

April 6, 2021

Speaker: Sandre Urite

Organization: Arc of King County

Topic: Entendiendo El IEP En Espanol

April 14, 2021

Speaker: Christi Kasa

Topic: Leverage your child's IEP to capture the positives of at-home learning

2021-2022

January 26, 2022

Speaker: Christi Kasa

Topic: Inclusive Education in the classroom: How does it work?What does it look like?

February 28, 2022

Speaker: Laura Rogan

Organization: Wired for Reading

Topic: Dyslexia 101: Why Can I Read This?

March 24, 2022

Speaker: Self-Advocate Panel

Organization: Arc of King County

Topic: Our Voices: A Panel of Adults with Developmental Disabilities Share Their Stories

May 23, 2023

Speaker: Scott Raub

Organization: OSPI

Topic: IEP Process & Partnering

2022-2023**October 13, 2022**

Speakers: Trish Campbell & Mike VanOrden

Organization: Shoreline School District

Topic: Introduce themselves, their vision of for the District's Special Education Program, including plans for inclusion

November 16, 2022

Speaker: Alison Brooks

Organization: Brooks Power Group

Topic: Supporting Students with Anxiety and Executive Functioning Struggles

January 26, 2023

Speaker: Trish Campbell, Jennifer Farrow, Sara Betnal

Organization: Shoreline School District (Trish & Jennifer) & Board (Sara)

Topics: Budget Update & Legislative Resources

March 30, 2023

Speaker: Shane Lucey

Organization: DDA

Topic: Eligibility & Enrollment Process

2023-2024

October 12, 2023

Speaker: Diana Ma

Topic: Anti-Oppressive Universal Design for Learning

December 14, 2023

Speaker: Heather Kolbly

Organization: Brothers & Henderson

Topic: Special Education & 504s - What Parents Need to Know by

February 8, 2024

Speaker: Sarah McKiddy

Topic: Music Education

April 9, 2024

Speaker: Ananda Scott

Topic: Inclusive Education: All Means All

2024-2025

September 26, 2024

Speaker: Kathryn Zwak - Psychologist, Olivia Dupree - SLP, Cory Grandinetti - OT, Kim Lutterloh - PT

Topic: Meet the Special Education Team

December 3, 2024

Speaker: Malorie Larson, Advocacy Chair

Organization: Shoreline PTA Council

Topic: Demystifying Advocacy

March 25, 2025

Speaker: Becky Reitzes

Organization: King County Public Health

Topic: Let's Get Talking (To Our Kids About Sex)!

2025-2026

October 23, 2025

Speakers: Dr. Susana Reyes, Trish Rodgers, and Mike Van Orden

Organization: Shoreline School District

Topic: District Levy Information and Strategic Plan Updates

January 14, 2026

Speakers: Stephanie Sarantos and Karina Gasperin

Organization: Well Being Center

Topic: Leading with Love: How can we extend the care we give our children to ourselves?

March 12, 2026

Speakers: Erin Acheson, Sara Lawton, Ananda Scott, Jennifer Small, and Genevieve Taylor

Organization: SEPTSA

Topic: IEP Tips No One Told You: What We've Learned

May 6, 2026

Speaker: Nick Borer, Parks, Fleet, and Facilities Manager

Organization: City of Shoreline

Topic: Shoreline Parks ADA Plan Update